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The Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice The Supreme Court of North Carolina Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

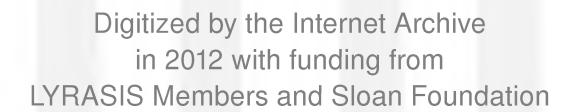
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Respectfully submitted,

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.

Director

February, 1984



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# **PART I**

# THE 1982-1983 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

### THE 1982-83 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This Annual Report on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1982 and ended June 30, 1983.

### The Workload of the Courts

As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 209 compared with 241 filed during 1981-82. A total of 538 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 681 in 1981-82; and 74 petitions were allowed compared with 75 in 1981-82.

For the Court of Appeals for 1982-83, case filings were 1,398 compared with 1,413 for the 1981-82 year. Petitions in 1982-83 totalled 483, compared with 581 during the 1981-82 year.

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this Annual Report.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 1.1%, to a total of 85,488 in 1982-83, compared with 84,571 cases in 1981-82. Superior court case dispositions also increased, to a total of 84,797, compared with 82,165 in 1981-82. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 691, or 0.8%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*, and detailed information on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 34 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1982-83 was 1,445,571, an increase of 24,262 cases (1.7%) from 1981-82 filings of 1,421,307 cases. The only area of the district court caseload to register an increase in 1982-83 over the previous fiscal year was the motor vehicle criminal case category, which had total filings of 728,517 cases in 1982-83, an increase of 7.5% over the 677,247 cases filed in 1981-82. There was a 2.9% drop in civil case filings from a total of 325,886 in 1981-82 to 316,539 in 1982-83. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 215,625 cases in 1981-82 to 206,163 cases in 1982-83. There was a small increase of 248 cases in the domestic relations category.

### 1983 Legislative Highlights

### **Constitutional Amendment**

The General Assembly approved a proposed constitutional amendment to provide that district attorneys and the Attorney General must be authorized to practice law in North Carolina. This proposed amendment will be on the ballot for voter approval at the November, 1984 general election (Chapter 298, 1983 Session Laws).

### Service As Emergency Judge

The number of years of service a retired judge or justice must have to be eligible to serve as an emergency judge or

justice was reduced from 15 to 12 (Chapter 784, 1983 Session Laws).

### Pay Increases

Funds were appropriated for a five percent pay increase for officials and employees of the Judicial Department, as was provided for State employees generally. The freeze on merit increases was continued. Longevity pay for elected officials in the Judicial Department was provided for the first time, with justices and judges to receive 4.8% if they have at least five years' service as a justice or judge and 9.6% if they have at least ten years' service. For the 83-84 fiscal year, clerks of court and district attorneys will receive a 4.8% longevity payment if they have at least five years of service in that elected office. Effective July 1, 1984, they will receive 9.6% longevity payment if they have at least ten years' service in office.

### Increase In Court Costs

As recommended by the North Carolina Courts Commission, there was a general revision of the court fees; the first since 1965. The estimated increase in annual total revenue from court fees is about \$10 million (Chapter 713, 1983 Session Laws).

### Increase In Pay for Juror Service

The pay for jury service was increased from \$8 to \$12 a day, for petit jury service; and from \$2 to \$6 a day for special proceedings (\$10 per day if the special proceeding lasts more than half a day).

### **Appeal of Rate Cases**

Legislation was enacted to implement an amendment to the State Constitution which was approved by the voters in 1982. This change allows direct appeal of general rate decisions from the Utilities Commission to the N.C. Supreme Court (by-passing the Court of Appeals) (Chapter 526, 1983 Session Laws).

### Conference of District Attorneys

A Conference of District Attorneys was established, to consist of all elected district attorneys. The Conference is authorized to employ an executive secretary, and has an appropriation of about \$90,000 for the 1983-84 year.

### Indigent Defense

As recommended by the Courts Commission, a separate line item is contained in the 1983-84 appropriation act for indigent defense costs, instead of this being an item in the Judicial Department budget.

There was an enactment to require the court to order parents to pay for a minor's legal services where the parents are financially able to do so (Chapter 726, 1983)

### THE 1982-83 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Session Laws). The Administrative Office of the Courts was directed to implement statewide a guardian *ad litem* program for juveniles (Chapter 761, 1983 Session Laws).

### N. C. Courts Commission

The Courts Commission was restructured, to have 24 voting members, with six members each appointed by the Speaker, the President of the Senate, the Governor, and the Chief Justice. The Governor continues to appoint the chairman. (Chapter 774, 1983 Session Laws).

### Revision of Evidence Law

A comprehensive revision of the evidence statutes was enacted by the 1983 General Assembly (Chapter 701, 1983 Session Laws). These changes were recommended by the Legislative Research Commission, which had been authorized to undertake a study of evidence laws by prior resolutions of the General Assembly.

### Administration of Estates by Affidavit

The size of small estates that may be administered by affidavit to the clerk of superior court was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (Chapter 65, 1983 Session Laws). The amount of indebtedness owed a decedent that can be paid to the clerk for administration was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 (Chapter 65, 1983 Session Laws).

### Waiver of Trial for Minor Boating, Hunting and Fishing Violations

Effective January 1, 1984, minor boating, hunting and fishing citations hay be handled as are minor traffic violations, on written waiver of trial and entry of plea of guilty in accord with a uniform schedule of fines adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. (Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws). This eliminates the necessity for such persons to appear personally in court to enter pleas of guilty.

### Speedy Trial Laws

The 120-day speedy trial requirement was made permanent, instead of a scheduled reduction to 90 days; and the exclusion of district court cases from the speedy-trial law was made permanent. Further, the 120-day requirement does not apply in a county that has fewer than eight regularly scheduled criminal or mixed weekly sessions of superior court each year (Chapter 571, 1983 Session Laws).

### Appropriations for Judicial Department

At the regular 1983 Session, the General Assembly approved the following appropriations directly to the Judicial Department: \$89,201,205 for the 1983-84 year and \$87,181,828 for the 1984-85 year, for operations of the Judicial Department; and \$14,106,078 for the 1983-84 year, and \$12,931,431 for the 1984-85 year, for indigent defense fees. A portion (\$2,785,856) of the 83-84 amount for indigent defense fees was for payment for services in the latter part of the 1982-83 fiscal year.

### **PART II**

# COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

- Historical Development of Court System
- Present Court System
- Organization and Operations in 1982-83

### HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

### Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature", which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactment were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

### After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little

distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court of Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County Court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

### After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime". The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Ouarter Sessions — The County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the indi-

### HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

vidual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

### Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 21 solicitorial districts. The 38 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up

to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

### Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local satutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate iudicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th century counties.

### After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the

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three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

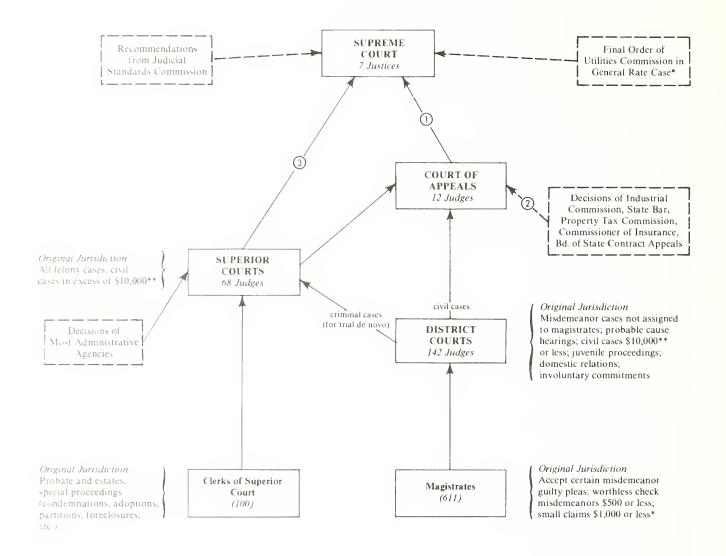
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### Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal



- Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving comstitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.
- 2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.
- (3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendent has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

<sup>\*</sup>Effective July 1, 1983, appeals in general rate cases go directly to Supreme Court instead of Court of Appeals.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-242). However, the district court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less; and the superior court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000 (G.S. 7A-243).

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (34 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are co-terminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

### Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial de novo before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed

to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

### Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are ex officio judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and are the "proper" courts for general civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. If the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount in controversy is more than \$10,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

### Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice." (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for

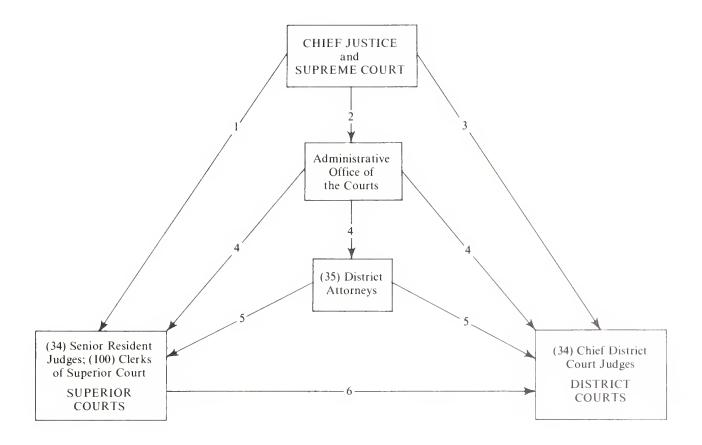
each of the State's 34 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, along with other administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provi-

sion of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

### Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 34 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

### THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA\*

Chief Justice JOSEPH BRANCH

Associate Justices

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Retired Chief Justices
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
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DAN K. MOORE

WALTER E. BROCK J. FRANK HUSKINS DAVID M. BRITT

Clerk
J. Gregory Wallace

Librarian Frances H. Hall

<sup>\*</sup>As of 30 June 1983.

### The Supreme Court

At the apex of the North Carolina court system is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases on appeal. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court does not sit in panels. It sits only en banc, that is, all members sitting on each case.

### Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is in the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (cases involving substantial constitutional questions and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- cases on appeal by right from the Utilities Commission (cases involving final order or decision in a general rate matter);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause subsantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. However, most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

### Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions, consistent with any rules enacted by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the district judges in each of the State's 34 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and he is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission—a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

### Operations of the Court, 1982-83

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1982-83 fiscal year amounted to \$1,464,289, an increase of 7.2% over total 1981-82 expenditures of \$1,365,955. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1982-83 constituted 1.5% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 331 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, including 122 cases pending on July 1, 1982 and 209 cases filed during the year. A total of 188 appealed cases were disposed of, with 143 cases remaining pending on June 30, 1983.

A total of 651 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1982-83 year, with 563 petitions disposed of and 88 pending as of June 30, 1983.

More detailed data on the Court's workload is presented on the following pages.

### **Supreme Court Caseload Inventory**

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Petitions for Review				
Civil domestic	7	20	23	4
Juvenile	2	2	4	0
Other civil	45	154	162	37
Criminal	32	204	209	27
Postconviction remedy	17	114	123	8
Administrative agency decision	10	44	42	12
Total Petitions for Review	113	538	563	88
Appeals				
Civil domestic	0	2	2	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	3	2	5	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	0	1	0
Other civil	10	20	20	10
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	17	29	30	16
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	9	14	5	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	47	74	56	65
Other criminal	13	20	24	9
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	8	24	20	12
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	2	1	1	2
Administrative agency decision	8	11	15	4
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	4	12	9	7
Total appeals	122	209	188	143
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary writs	3	70	71	2
Advisory opinion	0	0	0	0
Rule amendments	0	4	4	0
Motions	13	350	360	3
Total other proceedings	16	424	435	5

### Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Cases	Argued	

Civil	70
Criminal	103
Total cases argued	173
Submissions Without Argument	
By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	10
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	0
Total submissions without argument	10
Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage	183

# Disposition of Petitions and Other Proceedings by the Supreme Court July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Petitions for Review	Granted	Denied	Dismissed/Withdrawn	Total Disposed
Civil Domestic	2	20	1	23
Juvenile	0	4	0	4
Other Civil	29	132	1	162
Criminal	29	180	0	209
Postconviction Remedy	2	85	36	123
Administrative Agency Decision	12	30	0	42
Total Petitions for Review	74	451	38	563
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary Writs	17	54	0	71
Rule Amendments				4
Advisory Opinion				0
Motions				360
Total Other Proceedings				435

### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals With Published Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	2	0	1	3	0	6
Juvenile	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other civil	7	7	2	17	1	34
Criminal (death sentence)	4	0	0	1	0	5
Criminal (life sentence)	36	1	0	11	3	51
Other criminal	3	3	7	13	0	26
Postconviction remedy	1	0	0	0	0	1
Administrative agency decision	5	2	4	7	0	18
Totals	59	13	14	52	4	142

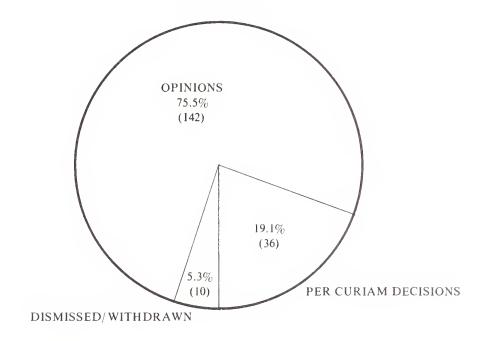
### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals with Per Curiam Decision

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	10	2	0	1	0	13
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal (life sentence)	2	0	1	0	2	5
Other criminal	11	1	1	0	0	13
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	2	0	1	1	0	4
Totals	26	3	3	2	2	36

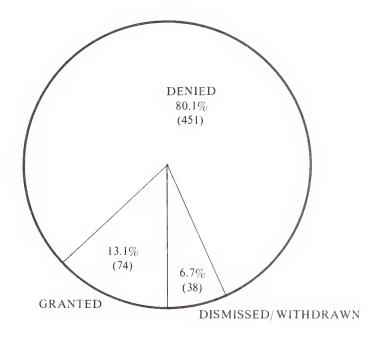
### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals by Dismissal or Withdrawal

Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other Civil	3
Criminal (death sentence)	0
Criminal (life sentence)	0
Other criminal	5
Postconviction remedy	0
Administrative agency decision	2
Totals	10

Manner of Disposition of Appeals in the Supreme Court July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983



Type of Disposition of Petitions in the Supreme Court July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983



Number of Supreme Court Pending Cases By Status and Age as of June 30, 1983

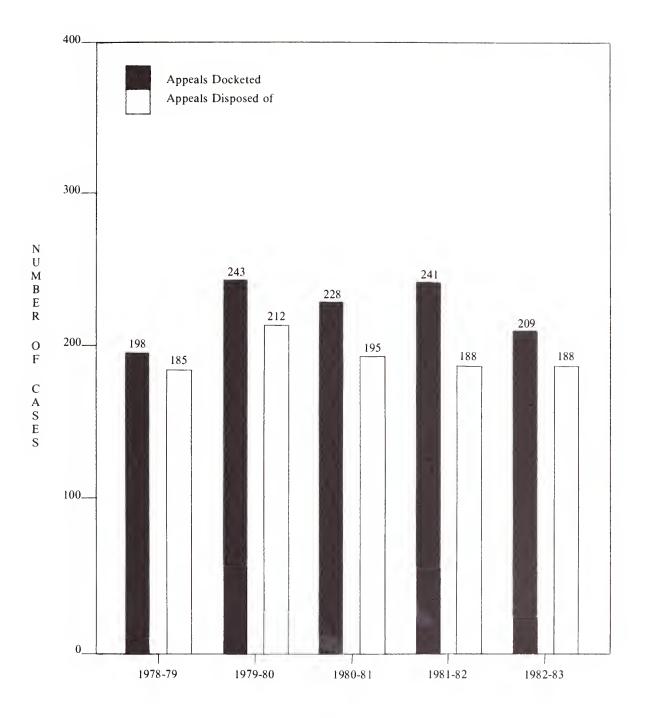
Not Ready for Oral Argument or Submission

	(Pre	Awaiting Record* (Pre-Docketing) (from cognizance)	g ting)	A A (from	Awaiting Appellant's Brief (from docketing)	g f's ting)	A A (from	Awaiting Appellee's Brief (from docketing)	g 's 'ting)	Rea A (fron	Ready for Oral Argument (from docketing)	Oral nt eting)	I I (from	Pending Decision (Argued) (from date argued)		Total Pending Cases
Case Types	0-60 61-1 Days Day	0-60 61-150 Days Days	50 >150 ys Days	0-20 Days	20-40 Days	>40 Days	0-40 Days	41-60 Days	>60 Days	0-60 Days	61-90 Days	>90 Days	0-90 9 Days	11-150 Days	>150 Days	
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	2	2	-	9	9	4	26
Criminal (death sentence)	2	2	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-	_	18
Criminal (life sentence)	7	5	4	9	3	3	0	2	2	0	4	5	20	2	2	99
Other criminal	0	0	0	-	0	2	3	0	0	2	4	-	2	1	7	21
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	2
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-	Ξ
Total Appeals	6	7	90	7	s.	7	9	8	4	7	10	7	38	15	10	143

<sup>\*</sup>A status of Awaiting Record is applicable only in cases in which the defendant was sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

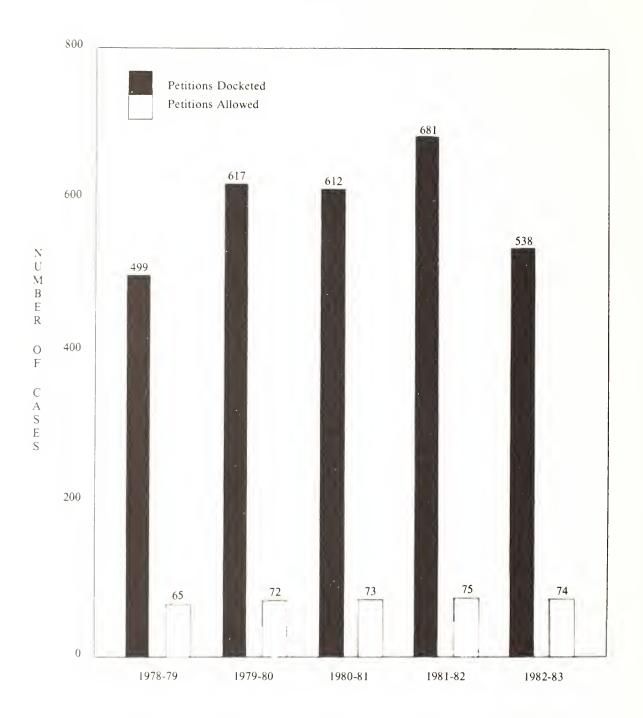
### NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

### Appeals Docketed and Disposed of During the Years, 1978-79-1982-83



### NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

### Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years, 1978-79-1982-83



# Supreme Court Processing Time for Disposed Cases (Total time in days from docketing to decision) July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Number		
	of Cases	Median	Mean
Civil domestic	2		147.5
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	5	200	210.0
Juvenile	0	0	0.0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	180	180.0
Other civil	20	155	214.1
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	30	155	203.6
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	5	315	307.0
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	56	185	201.9
Other criminal	24	135	159.7
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	20	140	156.3
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	1	260	260.0
Administrative agency decision	15	150	160.5
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	9	165	174.3
Totals	188	165	192.5

### THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA\*

Chief Judge EARL W. VAUGHN

Judges

R.A. HEDRICK
GERALD ARNOLD
JOHN WEBB
HUGH A. WELLS
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Retired Chief Judge NAOMI E. MORRIS

Retired Judges

HUGH B. CAMPBELL FRANK M. PARKER

EDWARD B. CLARK ROBERT M. MARTIN

*Clerk* FRANCIS E. DAIL

\*As of 30 June 1983

### The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Judge responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

### Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar; and the Commissioner of Insurance; the State Board of Contract Appeals; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

### Expenses of the Court, 1982-83

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled \$2,025,252, an increase of 4.1% over 1981-82 expenditures of \$1,945,081. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1982-83 amounted to 2.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1981-82 fiscal year.

### Case Data, 1982-83

A total of 1,398 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period, July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983. A total of 1,186 cases were disposed of during the same period. During the same year, a total of 483 petitions and 1,673 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Further detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the tables and graph on the following pages.

### FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

### July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Cases on Appeal	Filings	Dispositions
Civil cases appealed from district courts Civil cases appealed from superior courts Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	283 513 60 542	
Total	1,398	1,186
Petitions		
Allowed Denied Remanded		73 386 1
Total	483	460
Motions		
Allowed Denied Remanded		1,221 468 2
Total	1,673	1,691
Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions	3,554	3,337

#### INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

		Cases Filed				Total	Total
Judicial	Judicial	Appeals from		Superior Court	Other	Cases	Cases
Division	District	<b>District Courts</b>	Civil	Criminal	Appeals	Filed	Disposed
l	1	7	9	10	0	26	35
	2 3	4	8	29	0	41	27
	3	9	22	18	0	49	46
	4	11	14	37	0	62	49
	5	9	9	17	0	35	34
	6	6	8	10	0	24	15
	7	5	13	11	0	29	23
	8	7	16	29	0	52	55
11	9	4	9	10	0	23	21
	10	17	78	29	60	184	168
	11	9	12	8	0	29	22
	12	11	10	35	0	56	45
	13	4	6	9	0	19	9
	14	5	18	12	0	35	34
	15A/B*	9	21	13	0	43	39
	16	5	7	28	0	40	25
III	17A/B*	2	12	8	0	22	22
	18	17	31	20	0	68	68
	19A/B*	14	19	18	0	51	43
	20	12	17	13	0	42	31
	21	29	34	29	0	92	66
	22	8	10	18	0	36	39
	23	9	6	11	0	26	19
IV	24	1	6	5	0	12	11
	25	14	22	16	0	52	46
	26	20	38	40	0	98	84
	27A/B*	9	12	30	0	51	36
	28	6	19	15	0	40	26
	29	12	13	12	0	37	27
	30	8	14	2	0	24	21
Totals		283	513	542	60	1,398	1,186

<sup>\*</sup>Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

#### MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Cases Disposed by Written Opinion

Cases Disposed by Written Opinion							
	•			Cases Affirmed	Total Cases		
Judicial	Judicial	Cases	Cases	in Part, Reversed	by Written	Other Cases	<b>Total Cases</b>
Division	District	Affirmed	Reversed	in Part	Opinion	Disposed	Disposed
I	1	22	11	0	33	2	35
•		19	6	2	27	0	27
	2 3	32	13	0	45	1	46
	4	29	13	5	47	2	49
	5	24	3	1	28	6	34
	6	11	4	0	15	0	15
	7	19	3	ő	22	1	23
	8	33	16	ĺ	50	5	55
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ΙI	9	16	2	1	19	2	21
	10	100	44	6	150	18	168
	11	14	4	1	19	3	22
	12	35	9	0	44	1	45
	13	8	1	0	9	0	9
	14	26	6	1	33	1	34
	15A, B*	31	5	2	38	1	39
	16	21	3	0	24	1	25
111	17A B*	13	5	1	19	3	22
	18	46	15	3	64	4	68
	19A. B*	35	5	1	41	2	43
	20	22	6	2	30	1	31
	21	42	12	5	59	7	66
	22	31	5	2	38	1	39
	23	17	2	$\bar{0}$	19	0	19
1V	24	10	1	0	11	0	11
1 \	25	34	1	2	42	4	46
			6	3	77	7	84
	26	58	16				
	27A, B*	24	7	2	33	3	36
	28	19	3	1	23	3	26
	29	18	7	0	25	2	27
	30	17	4	0	21	0	21
TOTALS		826	237	42	1,105	81	1,186

<sup>\*</sup>Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown.

Separate figures for these districts were not available.

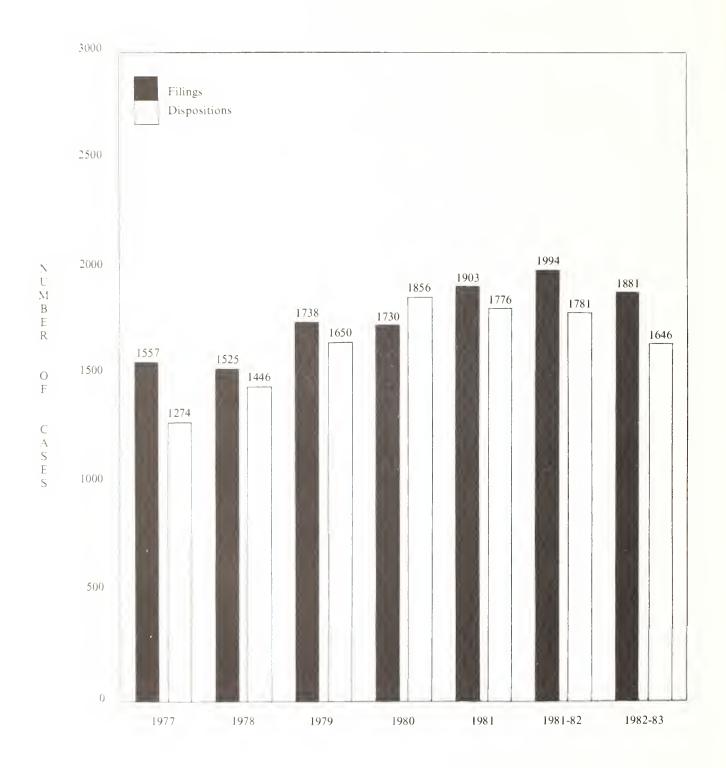
# INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

					July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983	2-June 3	0, 1983				Motions &	
Judicial	Judicial	Motions	Petitions	Total	Mo	Motions Disposed	osed	Petit	Petitions Disposed	osed	Petitions Disposed in	Total
Division	District	Filed	Filed	Filed	Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Opinion	Disposed
	_	43	6	52	27	∞	0	_	∞	0	-	45
	2	48	∞	56	38	7	0	2	9	0	0	53
	3	99	16	82	54	15	0	ĸ	13	0	0	85
	4	81	18	66	99	19	0	5	Ξ	0	0	101
	5	65	29	94	51	29	0	ĸ	25	0	0	108
	9	10	9	16	9	4	0	0	9	0	0	16
	7	34	9	40	24	7	0	0	9	0	0	37
	∞	40	17	57	27	12	0	2	14	0	0	55
П	6	21	5	26	20	2	0	_	3	0	0	26
	10	284	73	357	214	49	0	15	56	0	0	352
	11	43	∞	51	35	∞	0	0	6	0	0	52
	12	65	24	68	52	19	0	2	21	0	0	94
	13	26	9	32	23	9	0	-	4	0	0	34
	14	55	26	81	30	26	_	ю	21	0	0	81
	15A/B*	54	91	70	41	17	0	1	15	0	0	74
	91	70	22	92	53	23	0	2	15	0	0	96
III	17A/B*	17	12	29	6	10	0	2	∞	0	0	29
	18	70	61	68	48	16	_	2	17	_	0	85
	19A/B*	61	16	35	12	10	0	1	13	0	0	36
	20	35	18	53	27	10	0	_	15	0	0	53
	21	92	26	118	57	29	0	2	21	0	0	109
	22	34	=	45	23	10	0	_	10	0	0	44
	23	31	2	33	28	4	0	0	7	0	0	34
ΛI	24	18	3	21	13	5	0	0	3	0	0	21
	25	72	12	84	45	21	0	4	10	0	0	80
	26	122	30	152	95	32	0	3	25	0	0	155
	27A/B*	49	15	64	38	17	0	9	6	0	0	70
	28	37	10	47	28	∞	0	2	7	0	0	45
	29	54	13	29	30	17	0	3	6	0	0	59
	30	18	7	25	7	10	0	7	4	0	0	23
Totals		1,673	483	2,156	1,221	468	2	73	386	=	1	2,157

\*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

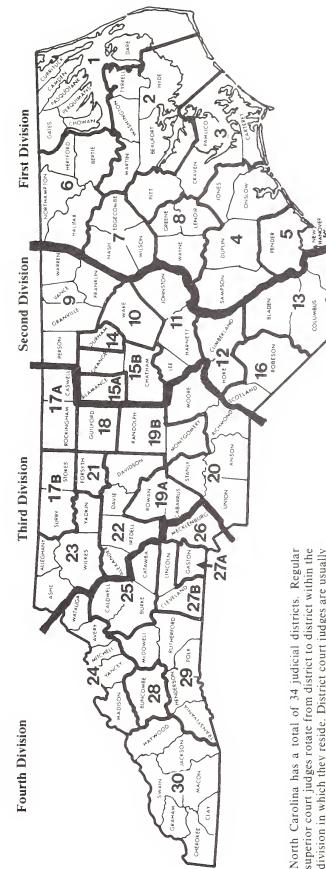
# FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS 1977-1983



Filings and dispositions in this graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. During 1982-83, filings exceeded dispositions by 235, the largest difference since 1977.

# THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

# North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions



North Carolina has a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts. Prosecutorial districts coincide with judicial districts except for the Third District. Pitt County is Prosecutorial District 3A and Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties comprise Prosecutorial District 3B. Hence, there are 35 prosecutorial districts but only 34 judicial districts.

# JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT\* (As of June 30, 1983)

#### FIRST DIVISION THIRD DIVISION District District J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City 17A Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth 1 Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston 17B James M. Long, Pilot Mountain 18 Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro 3 David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro Edward K. Washington, Greensboro Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville James R. Strickland, Jacksonville 19A Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer James C. Davis, Concord Bradford Tillery, Wilmington Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington 19B Hal H. Walker, Asheboro Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro 20 William H. Helms, Wingate Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount 21 William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem James D. Llewellyn, Kinston Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville Peter W. Hairston, Advance SECOND DIVISION 9 Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg 23 Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro 10 James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh FOURTH DIVISION Henry V. Barnett, Jr., Raleigh Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh 24 Ronald W. Howell, Marshall Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh 25 Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn Claude S. Sitton, Morganton 11 26 Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte 12 Darius B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville William T. Grist, Charlotte 13 Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte 14 Thomas H. Lee, Durham 27A Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia John C. Martin, Durham 27B John R. Friday, Lincolnton 15A D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington 28 Robert E. Lewis, Asheville 15B F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill C. Walter Allen, Asheville Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton 29 Hollis M. Owens, Rutherfordton

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James U. Downs, Franklin

<sup>\*</sup>In district with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

#### SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville James A. Beatty, Jr., Winston-Salem Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville John B. Lewis, Jr., Farmville Donald L. Smith, Raleigh Russell G. Walker, Asheboro Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City

#### **EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT**

George M. Fountain, Tarboro Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

# The Conference of Superior Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh, *President*Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *President-Elect*D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington, *Vice President*James A. Beaty, Jr., Winston-Salem,

Secretary-Treasurer

J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City, and Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia, Additional Executive Committee Members

#### The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. In 1981-82, there were 60 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 34 judicial districts for eight-year-terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

#### Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial de novo by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from administrative agencies except the Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the North Carolina State Bar, the Board of State Contract Appeals, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.\* Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

#### Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 34 judicial districts during 1982-83. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on Page 29. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate among the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior

court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

#### **Expenditures**

A total of \$10,256,492 was expended on the operations of the superior courts during the 1982-83 fiscal year. This included the salaries and travel expenses for the 68 superior court judges, and salaries and expense for court reporters and secretarial staff for superior court judges. The 1982-83 expenditures for the superior courts amounted to 10.9% of total General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department during the 1982-83 fiscal year.

#### Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 85,488 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1982-83, an increase of 917 cases (1.1%) over the total of 84,571 cases that were filed in 1981-82. There was some decrease in civil case filings in the superior courts during 1982-83 compared with the previous year (dropping from 14,964 to 13,894). This decrease is probably due to a statutory amendment, effective July 1, 1982, which provided that the district court division is the *proper* division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 (formerly \$5,000) or less. This change had the effect of shifting some civil cases from the superior courts to the district courts. This small decrease in civil case filings in the superior courts was more than offset by an increase in criminal case filings (from 69,607 in 1981-82 to 71,594 in 1982-83).

Superior court case dispositions increased from 82,165 in 1981-82 to 84,797 in 1982-83. However, the dispositions did not quite equal the number of cases filed. As a result, there was a small increase (1.9%) in the total number of superior court cases pending, from 35,622 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total of 36,313 on June 30, 1983.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

<sup>\*</sup>An amendment to Article IV. Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective July 15, 1983, the General Assembly has provided for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. See G.S. 7A-29(b).

# DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\* (As of June 30, 1983)

#### District

- John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
- 2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington James W. Hardison, Wiliamston
- 3 Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
  E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
  Willie L. Lumpkin, III, Morehead City
  James E. Martin, Bethel
  James E. Regan, Oriental
  H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
- 4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville Walter P. Henderson, Trenton James N. Martin, Clinton Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
- 5 Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, Wilmington Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
- 6 Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
- 7 George Britt, Tarboro James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount Allen W. Harrell, Wilson Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
- 8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
- 9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson J. Larry Senter, Franklinton Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
- 10 George F. Bason, Raleigh Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh William A. Creech, Raleigh George R. Greene, Raleigh Louis W. Payne, Jr., Raleigh Philip O. Redwine, Raleigh Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh

#### District

- 11 Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield William Christian, Sanford K. Edward Greene, Dunn W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
- 12 Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville Anna E. Keever, Fayetteville
- William E. Wood, Whiteville William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
- J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham Karen B. Galloway, Durham David Q. LaBarre, Durham William G. Pearson, II, Durham
- 15A J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington W. S. Harris, Jr., Graham James K. Washburn, Burlington
- 15B Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill Patricia S. Hunt, Hillsborough Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
- John S. Gardner, Lumberton
   B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
   Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
   Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
- 17A Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville Robert R. Blackwell, Yanceyville
- 17B Foy Clark, Mount Airy Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
- 18 Robert L. Cecil, High Point
  Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point
  William L. Daisy, Greensboro
  Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro
  William K. Hunter, High Point
  Joseph R. John, Greensboro
  Edmund Lowe, High Point
  John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
- 19A Robert L. Warren, Concord Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

<sup>\*</sup>The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

# DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\* (As of June 30, 1983)

#### District

- 19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro William M. Neely, Asheboro
- 20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro Michael E. Beale, Southern Pines Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
- 21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem Joseph J. Gatto, Winston-Salem James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem David R. Tanis, Winston-Salem
- 22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville George T. Fuller, Lexington Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
- 23 Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro Edgar B. Gregory, Wilkesboro
- Robert H. Lacey, NewlandCharles P. Ginn, BooneR. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk
- 25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton Edward J. Crotty, Hickory Robert A. Mullinax, Newton L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

#### District

- 26 James E. Lanning, Charlotte
  L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
  Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
  Resa L. Harris, Charlotte
  Robert P. Johnston, Charlotte
  William G. Jones, Charlotte
  Theodore P. Matus, II, Charlotte
  William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
  W. Terry Sherrill, Charlotte
  T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
- 27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
  Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
  J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
  Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
- 27B George W. Hamrick, Shelby James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
- William Marion Styles, Black Mountain Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden Robert L. Harrell, Asheville Peter L. Roda, Asheville
- 29 Robert T. Gash, Brevard Loto J. Greenlee, Marion Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
- 30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

# The Association of District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, President

Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem, Vice President

E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville, Secretary-Treasurer

George M. Britt, Tarboro
William G. Pearson, II, Durham
L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
Additional Executive Committee Members

<sup>\*</sup>The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

#### The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 142 district court judges serving in 34 judicial districts during 1982-83. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 611 magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1983. Of this number, about 100 positions were specified as part-time. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

#### Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, and domestic relations cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed \$500. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty in such worthless check cases when the amount of the check is \$500 or less, the offender has made restitution. and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may accept waviers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases, and in boating, hunting and fishing violation cases,\* for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates also conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested defendants, and they are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

#### Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of noncriminal cases; assigning

matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

### The Conference of Chief District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Robert T. Gash, Brevard, *Chairman*Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville, *Vice Chairman* 

#### **Expenditures**

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1982-83 amounted to \$18,119,464. This is an increase of 6.4% over 1981-82 expenditures of \$17,022,936. Included in this total are the personnel costs of court reporters and secretaries as well as the personnel costs of the 142 district court judges and approximately 600 magistrates. The 1982-83 total is 19.2% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures that the district courts took for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

#### Caseload

During 1982-83 the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) increased 24,262 (1.7%) over the total number reported for 1981-82. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the filing total in 1982-83 was 1,445,571. The motor vehicle criminal case category registered the most significant increase, 51,270 cases (7.6%) more than the number of motor vehicle criminal cases in 1981-82. There were relatively small decreases in the filing totals for the general civil, civil magistrate, and non-motor vehicle criminal case categories compared with such totals for 1981-82. The overall trend in *total* district court case filings has been upward during the past several years even though fluctuating increases or decreases may be shown in the individual case categories.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads and on juvenile case activity is contained in Part 1V of this *Report*.

<sup>\*</sup>Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws; the uniform schedule of fines adopted by Chief District Judges becomes effective July 1, 1984.

# DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (As of June 30, 1983)

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- 1 H. P. WILLIAMS, JR., Elizabeth City
- 2 WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
- 3A THOMAS D. HAIGWOOD, Greenville
- 3B WILLIAM D. McFADYEN, New Bern
- 4 WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
- 5 JERRY L. SPIVEY, Wilmington
- 6 DAVID H. BEARD, JR., Murfreesboro
- 7 HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
- 8 DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
- 9 DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
- 10 J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
- 11 JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
- 12 EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
- 13 MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Whiteville
- 14 RONALD L. STEPHENS, Durham
- 15A GEORGE E. HUNT, Graham
- 15B WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
- 16 JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton

#### District

- 17A PHILIP W. ALLEN, Wentworth
- 17B HAROLD D. BOWMAN, Dobson
- 18 D. LAMAR DOWDA, Greensboro
- 19A JAMES F. ROBERTS, Concord
- 19B GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
- 20 CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
- 21 DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
- 22 H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
- 23 MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
- 24 JAMES THOMAS RUSHER, Marshall
- 25 ROBERT E. THOMAS, Hickory
- 26 PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
- 27A JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
- 27B W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
- 28 RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
- 29 ALAN C. LEONARD. Rutherfordton
- 30 MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

### The District Attorneys Association (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Randolph Riley, Raleigh, President

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, Vice President

William H. Andrews, Jacksonville, Vice President for Legislative Affairs

John Smith, Wilmington, Secretary-Treasurer

#### The District Attorneys

The State is divided into 35 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 34 judicial districts. By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, the 3rd Judicial District was divided into two separate prosecutorial districts, Prosecutorial Districts 3A and 3B, effective October 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3A consists of Pitt County, and Prosecutorial District 3B is comprised of Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico (G.S. 7A-60). A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 35 districts for four-year terms.

#### **Duties**

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

#### Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1983, a total of 213 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 35 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 17B and District 24 had the smallest staff (two assistants).

Each district attorney is authorized to employ an administrative assistant to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 of the 35 districts is authorized to employ an investigatorial assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial, and in 10 districts, the district attorney is authorized to employ a witness coordinator.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

A total of 71,594 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1982-83, consisting of 43,708 felony cases and 27,886 misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The total number of filings in the superior courts (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) in the previous year was 69,607. The increase of 1,987 cases in 1982-83 represents a 2.9% increase over the 1981-82 total.

Total criminal cases disposed of by the superior courts in 1982-83 equalled 70,120. There were 42,966 felony dispositions; the number of misdemeanor appeals disposed of was 27,154. Compared with 1981-82, total criminal case dispositions increased by 2,937 cases over the 67,183 cases disposed of in that fiscal year. The median ages of 1982-83 criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts were 81 days for felony cases and 66 days for misdemeanor appeals. In 1981-82, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 73 days, and the median

age at disposition for misdemeanor appeals was 62 days.

Dispositions by jury trial in the superior courts, for felonies and misdemeanors, totalled 3,999 cases, or 5.7% of total criminal case dispositions in the superior courts. This was a decrease from jury dispositions of 3,793 (5.6% of total dispositions) during the 1981-82 year. As is evident, a very small proportion of all criminal cases utilize the great proportion of superior court time and resources required to handle the criminal caseload.

By contrast, in 1982-83 a majority of criminal case dispositions in superior courts (38,012 or 54.2%) were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This was virtually the same percentage of guilty plea dispositions as was reported for 1981-82.

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all dispositions during 1982-83: a total of 19,753 cases, or 28.2% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that recorded for prior years. Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, resulting in a plea bargain agreement where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges in exchange for a dismissal of others.

There was an increase in the number of speedy trial dismissals in superior courts, from 63 cases in 1981-82 to 92 cases in 1982-83.

The total number of criminal cases disposed of in the superior courts was 1,474 cases less than the total number of cases filed in 1982-83. Consequently, the number of pending criminal cases in superior court increased from 20,204 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 21,678, an increase of 7.3%.

The median age of *pending* felony cases dropped from 83 days in 1981-82 to 80 days during 1982-83. A similar decrease was recorded for misdemeanor appeals where the median age of cases dropped from 69 days in 1981-82 to 66 days in 1982-83.

In the district courts, a total of 1,129,032 criminal cases were filed during 1982-83. This total consisted of 728,517 motor vehicle criminal cases and 400,515 non-motor vehicle criminal cases. A comparison of total filings in 1982-83 with total filings (1,095,423) in 1981-82 reveals an increase in district court criminal filing activity of 33,609 cases or 3.1%. The increase in motor vehicle criminal case filings was responsible for all of this increase. Filings in the motor vehicle case category rose by 51,270 cases, from 677,247 cases in 1981-82 to 728,517 cases in 1982-83, an increase of 7.6%.

As motor vehicle criminal case filings rose in 1982-83, filings in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category fell by 17,661 cases (4.2%) from a total of 418,176 in 1981-82 to 400,515 in 1982-83.

Total dispositions during 1982-83 in the motor vehicle criminal case category amounted to 716,040 cases. As in prior years, a substantial portion (399,265 cases or 55.8%) was disposed of by waiver of appearance and

entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' "caseload." The remaining 316,775 motor vehicle cases were disposed of by means other than a waiver. This balance was 14,253 cases, or 4.7% more than the 302,522 such dispositions in 1981-82. (Due to a change in statistical reporting procedures, the clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total numbers of filings and dispositions are reported weekly. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 397,420 such cases were disposed of in 1982-83. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea; the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. Some 150,732 cases, or 38.0%, of the disposi-

tions were by guilty pleas. An additional 92,732 cases, or 23.3%, of the total were disposed of by prosecutor dismissal. Only two case dispositions were by speedy trial dismissals, compared with eight such dispositions in 1981-82. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (12.8%), trial (10.7%), or by other means (15.2%).

During 1982-83, the median age at disposition of nonmotor vehicle criminal cases was 24 days, compared with 22 days at disposition in 1981-82.

Total non-motor vehicle criminal dispositions were 3,095 cases less than total filings for the year. The number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end was 67,970, compared with a total of 64,680 at the beginning of the year, an increase of 4.8% in the number of pending cases. The median age for pending non-motor vehicle cases dropped from 61 days in 1981-82 to 59 days in 1982-83.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

# CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT (As of June 30, 1983)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Seth Chapman	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	M.E. Creech
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Billy J. Vance	Macon	Lois S. Morris
Beaufort	Thomas S. Payne, III	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Hilda H. Coleman	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Rachel H. Comer
Caldwell	Jeanette Turner	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	Janet H. Cobb	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Mary Jo Potter
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	R. L. Cherry	Perquimans	W.J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	Betty Mann	Robeson	Dixie I. Barrington
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Forsyth	A.E. Blackburn	Stanly	David R. Fisher
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Pauline Kirkman
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Cheryl Holland	Swain	Sara Robinson
Graham	O.W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel	Union	Nola H. McCollum
Guilford	James Lee Knight	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	Ellen C. Neathery	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Richard E. Hunter, Jr.
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Timothy L. Spear
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	Lenora R. Bright	Wilson	William G. Stewart
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.		
Jackson	Plank watson, Jl.	Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

#### The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, ex officio, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

#### Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' wavier of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

#### Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$27,804,593 was expended in 1982-83 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. In addition to the salaries and other expenses of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees, and witness expenses.

Total expenditures for clerks' offices in 1982-83 amounted to 29.5% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

During 1982-83, estate case filings totalled 39,188. This was an increase of 3.6% over the 37,838 cases filed in 1981-82. Estate case dispositions totalled 38,110 cases in 1982-83, or 3.9% more than the previous year's total of 36,691. Filings in 1982-83 exceeded dispositions by 1,078 cases. This produced an increase of the same amount in the number of estate cases pending at the end of the year.

A total of 31,835 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1982-83. This is an increase of 162 cases (0.5%) over the 31,673 filings in the previous fiscal year. During the year, total special proceedings dispositions amounted to 32,003 cases, with a resulting decrease in the number of cases pending of 0.8%, from 22,380 on June 30, 1982 to 22,212 as of June 30, 1983.

The clerks of superior court are also responsible for handling the records of all case filings and dispositions in the superior and district courts. The total number of superior court case filings during the 1982-83 year was 85,488, and the total number of district court filings, not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,445,571.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

# Association of Clerks of Superior Court (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County, *President* 

Nola H. McCollum, Union County, First Vice President

Major Joines, Burke County Second Vice President

David J. Beal, Surry County Secretary John Johnson, Duplin County Treasurer

#### **Juvenile Services Division**

The Juvenile Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts provides intake, probation and aftercare services to juveniles who are before the District Courts for delinquent matters, *i.e.*, violations of the criminal code, including motor vehicle violations; and for undisciplined matters, such as running away from home, being truant, and being beyond the parents' disciplinary control.

Intake is the screening of complaints alleging delinquent or undisciplined behavior by children, to determine whether petitions should be filed. During the 1982-83 year a total of 18,520 complaints were brought to the attention of intake counselors. Of this number, 11,137 (60%) were approved for filing, and 7,383 (40%) were not approved for filing.

Probation and aftercare refer to supervision of children in their own communities. Probation is authorized by judicial order. Aftercare service is provided for juveniles after their release from a training school. (Protective supervision is also a form of court-ordered supervision within the community; and this service is combined with probation and aftercare.)

In 1982-83 a total of 10,591 juveniles were supervised in the probation and aftercare program.

#### **Expenditures**

The Juvenile Services Division is primarily State-funded. The expenditures for fiscal year 1982-83 totaled \$7,464,930, including \$46,182 from a federal grant. This was an increase of 6% over the 1981-82 expenditures. The 1982-83 expenditures amounted to 7.9% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the Division as in the previous fiscal year.

#### Administration

The Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division is appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A chief court counselor is appointed for each judicial district by the Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, with the approval of the Chief District Court Judge and the Administrative Officer of the Courts. Subject to the Administrator's general supervision, each chief court counselor exercises administrative supervision over the operation of the court counseling services in the respective districts.

#### Juvenile Services Division Staff (As of June 30, 1983)

Thomas A. Danek, Administrator

Edward F. Taylor, Assistant Administrator

John T. Wilson, Program Supervisor

Sharon P. Worthington, Education Coordinator

# Juvenile Services Division (As of June 30, 1983)

Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors	Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors
I	Robert Hendrix	16	Robert Hughes
2	Charles Hough	17A and 17B	Martha Lauten
3	Eve C. Rogers	18	J. Manley Dodson
4	lda Ray Miles	19A and 19B	James Queen
5	William T. Childs	20	Jimmy Craig
6	John R. Brady	21	James J. Weakland
7	Nancy C. Patteson	22	Carl T. Duncan
8	Harold Hinnant	23	Rex Yates
9	Tommy Lewis	24	Lynn Hughes
10	Steven J. Williams	25	Lee Cox
11	Henry C. Cox	26	James Yancey
12	Phil T. Utley	27A	Yvonne Hall
13	Jimmy Godwin	27B	Gloria Newman
14	Fred Elkins	28	Louis Parrish
15A	Harry Derr	29	Kenneth Lanning
15B	Harold Rogerson	30	Betty G. Alley

#### THE COURT COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

(Officers for 1982-83)

#### **Executive Committee Members**

J. Manley Dodson, *President*John A. Auten, Jr., *President-elect*Pat Jackson, *Secretary*Bill Fishel, *Treasurer*Harold Rogerson, *Parliamentarian* 

#### **Board Members**

1982-83	1982-84	1982-85
Betty Gene Alley	Jimmy Moore	John Brady
Edward Taylor	Eleanor P. Causey	Mark Vinson
Jo Lammonds	Pam Honeycutt	Horace Walser

#### **Public Defenders**

During 1982-83, there were six public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. (By statute, a public defender office was established in District 15B, for Orange and Chatham Counties, in June, 1983, but this office was not operational until July, 1983.) The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant public defender and additional full-time or part-time assistants as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

#### **Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel**

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement; a fine of \$500 or more; or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or termination of parental rights.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system was the only one used.

#### **Expenditures**

A total of \$2,219,766 was expended for the operation of the six public defenders' offices during 1982-83. This was an increase of \$104,559 (4.9%) over the 1981-82 total of \$2,115,207.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

The six public defender offices represented a total of 16,403 defendents during 1982-83. This was an increase of 1,206 defendants, or 7.9%, over the 15,197 defendants represented during 1981-82.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this Annual Report.

# PUBLIC DEFENDERS (As of June 30, 1983)\*

District 3
Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

District 12
Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18
Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26 Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28
J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

\*Note: John Kirk Osborn took office as Public Defender for District 15B on July 1, 1983.

The Association of Public Defenders (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Adam Stein, President Donald Hicks, 111, Vice President Steve Ward, Secretary-Treasurer

#### The Office of the Appellate Defender

(Staff as of June 30, 1983)

Adam Stein, Appellate Defender

Assistant Appellate Defenders

Nora Elizabeth B. Henry Malcolm R. Hunter, Jr. Lorinzo L. Joyner Ann B. Petersen Marc D. Towler

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to that date, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) In accord with the assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

The Appellate Defender is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, but in carrying out his duties he is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

As of July 1, 1982, the Appellate Defender had 43 cases pending in the North Carolina Supreme Court. During the 1982-83 year, a total of 45 additional appeals to the Supreme Court were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year a total of 46 cases in the Supreme Court were disposed of. This left 42 cases pending as of June 30, 1983. During the 1982-83 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 43 briefs and 70 petitions in the Supreme Court.

As of July 1, 1982, the Appellate Defender had 139 cases pending in the North Carolina Court of Appeals. During the 1982-83 year, a total of 121 additional appeals to the Court of Appeals were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year, a total of 160 cases in the Court of Appeals were disposed of. This left 100 cases pending as of June 30, 1983. During the 1982-83 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 128 briefs and 16 petitions in the Court of Appeals.

#### The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1983)

#### Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman* Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh Retired Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

George Kornegay, Mount Olive

Louise B. Wilson, Graham Clerk of Court

Vacancy

# Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown Superior Court Judge

E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

R.C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City Member, N.C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Vacancy

# Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Bobby R. Etheridge, Angier Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg Clerk of Court

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids District Court Judge

Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., Raleigh Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Vacancy

#### Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Raleigh Administrative Officer of the Courts

The North Carolina Courts Commission was reestablished by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three ex officio members as shown above.

The 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the

number of voting members from 15 to 23, with the Governor to appoint seven voting members, the President of the Senate to appoint eight voting members, and the Speaker of the House to appoint eight voting members. The non-voting *ex officio* members remained the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

The 1983 Session of the General Assembly further amended G.S. 7A-506, to revise the voting membership of the Commission. Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission is to consist of 24 voting members, six to be appointed by the Governor; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; six to be appointed by the Presi-

#### The North Carolina Courts Commission

dent of the Senate; and six to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Governor continues to appoint the Chairman of the Commission, from among its legislative members. The nonvoting ex officio membership of three persons remains the same.

Of the six appointees of the Chief Justice, one is to be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one is to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two are to be judges of superior court, and two are to be judges of district court.

Of the six appointees of the Governor, one is to be a district attorney, one a practicing attorney, one a clerk of superior court, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly and at least one of these shall not be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, and three are to be members or formers members of the General Assembly, and at least one of these three is not to be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the President of the Senate, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one is to be a magistrate.

During the 1982-83 year the Courts Commission had a total of eleven meetings. The Commission submitted its main report to the General Assembly in February, 1983, and a supplementary report on the counsel-for-indigents program in April, 1983.

The following Commission proposals were approved at the 1983 General Assembly:

- Statutory amendments providing for direct appeal to the N.C. Supreme Court of general rate decisions of the Utilities Commission, in lieu of such appeals going first to the N.C. Court of Appeals (Chapter 526, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments relating to service of process in summary ejectment and small claims cases (Chapter 332, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide that certain discovery documents are not to be filed with the clerk unless and until needed for trial (Chapter 201, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to establish a District Attorney Conference and provide for staff (Chapter 761, 1983 Session Laws).
- Proposed constitutional amendment to provide that Attorney General and District Attorneys must be duly licensed to practice law in North Carolina, approved by General Assembly to be on ballot in November, 1984 (Chapter 298, 1983 Session Laws).

- Statutory amendments to provide for standard conditions of probation (Chapter 561, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments providing for increases in court costs and fees (Chapter 713, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide increase in pay for jurors (Chapter 88, 1983 Session Laws).

The following recommendations of the North Carolina Courts Commission were introduced in the General Assembly during the 1983 Session and remain pending in committee. These are eligible for consideration at the "short" session in June, 1984:

- Statutory amendments to provide for temporary recall of a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, to serve on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals; and to authorize the Chief Justice to recall retired justices or judges to expedite the work of the appellate courts (H 310).
- Statutory amendments to authorize the presiding judge in a civil action or special proceeding to award reasonable attorney fees for the prevailing party upon finding that there was a complete absence of a justiciable issue of either law or fact raised by the losing party (H 474).
- Statutory amendments to provide that certain minor traffic offenses would be civil infractions rather than criminal offenses (H 491).
- Statutory amendments to provide credit for law enforcement and court-related experience, for purposes of setting magistrates' salary (H 473).
- Statutory amendments to provide that the Administrative Office of the Courts, instead of State Bar Council, have authority and responsibility for adopting regulations for determining indigency and assigning state-paid counsel (H 1285).

One recommendation of the Commission (H 447), to authorize the presiding judge to have jury selection proceedings held in the county of residence of the jurors instead of in the county where the case is to be tried, where it is necessary to select jurors from another county, received an unfavorable report by the House Committee.

# The Judicial Standards Commission (Members as of June 30, 1983)

#### Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Arnold, Fuquay-Varina, *Chairman* 

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro

District Court Judge L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

#### Appointed by the Governor

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro, Secretary Veatrice C. Davis, Fayetteville

#### Elected by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville, *Vice Chairman* E. K. Powe, Durham

Deborah R. Carrington, Executive Secretary

#### THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in eleven instances covering 13 inquiries.

During the 1 July 1982 - 30 June 1983 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 10 September 1982, 22 September 1982, 1 October 1982, 5 November 1982, 6 January 1983, 16 February 1983, 4 March 1983, 1 April 1983, and 13 May 1983. In addition, the Commission convened on 4 January 1983 and 21 June 1983 for hearings in two inquiries.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Twenty-two such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1982, and 82 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 104 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 75 inquiries, and 29 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 75 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

- (1) sixty-five inquiries were determined to involve matters for appeal or other legal remedy, evidentiary rulings, length of sentences, or other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction rather than questions of judicial misconduct;
- (2) seven inquiries were determined to involve allegations of conduct which did not rise to such a level as would warrant investigation by the Commission;
- (3) two inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations; and
- (4) one inquiry was determined to warrant a recommendation of removal following a hearing in the matter.

The recommendation of removal filed by the Commission on 7 February 1983 in Inquiry Concerning a Judge, No. 74 (J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Respondent), was adopted by the Supreme Court on 3 May 1983. *In re Hunt*, 308 N.C. 328 (1983).

Of the 29 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

- (1) eleven inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
- (2) eighteen inquiries covered in five preliminary investigative files were awaiting completion of the investigation or were subject to other action by the Commission.

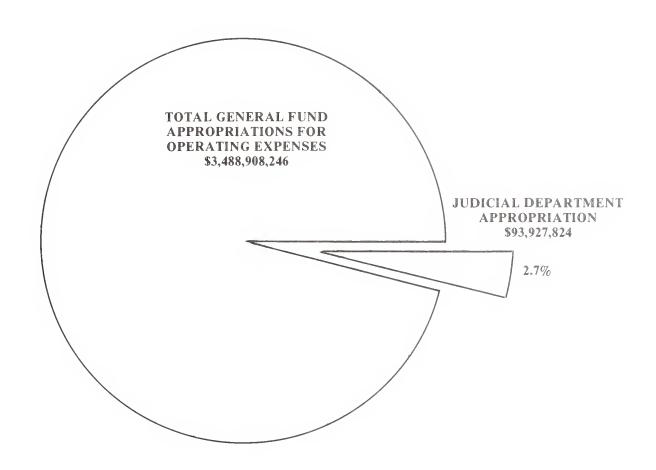
# PART III COURT RESOURCES

- Financial
- Personnel

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties. Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totalled \$3,488,908,246 for the 1982-83 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1982-83 was \$93,927,824. As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department comprised 2.7% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments. (The above appropriation amounts include \$2,785,856 for accrued attorney fees for indigent defendants paid in July 1983.)



Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for oper-

ating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

#### APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
Fiscal Year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80%	3,140,949,832	13.76%
1981-1982	89,631,765	8.08%	3,339,761,674	6.33%
1982-1983	93,927,824	4.79%	3,488,908,246	4.47%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1978-1983		10.84%		9.79%

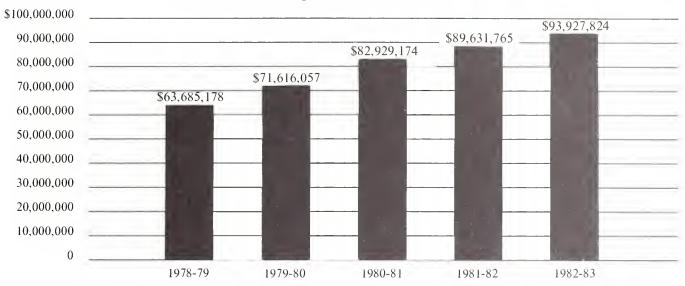
During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the

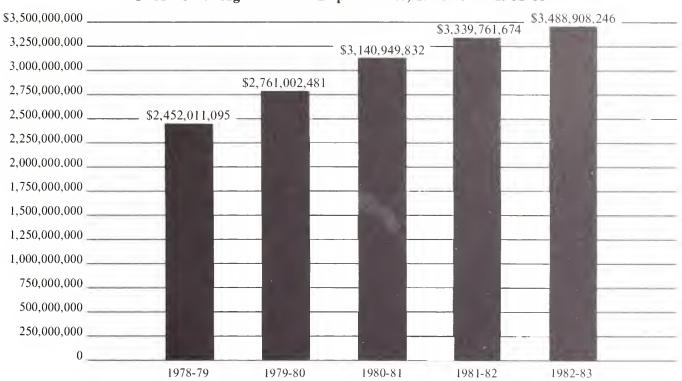
1980-81 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a 10% pay increase for Judicial Branch personnel, with the same pay increase provided for personnel of all State government agencies.

Fiscal year 1982-83 shows the smallest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the five-year period. This decline in the percentage of increase is consistent with the decline in the percentage of increase for all State government agencies.

#### General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of the Judicial Department, 1978-79 — 1982-83



#### General Fund Appropriations for Operational Expenses Of All State Agencies and Departments, 1978-79 — 1982-83



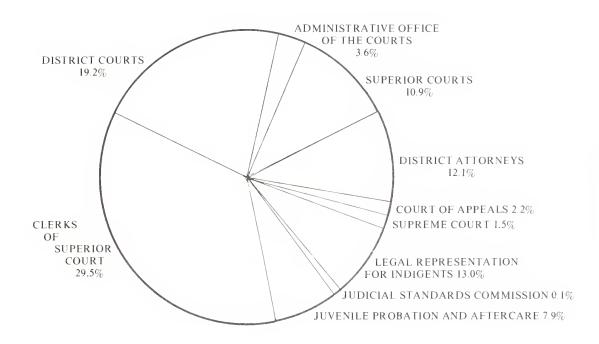
# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled \$94,207,213, divided among the major budget classifications as shown

below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled \$216,871, for a grand total of \$94,424,084 in Judicial Department expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 1,464,289	1.5
Court of Appeals	2,025,252	2.2
Superior Courts	10,256,492	10.9
District Courts	18,119,464	19.2
Clerks of Superior Court	27,804,593	29.5
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	7,464,930	7.9
Legal Representation for Indigents	12,284,119	13.0
Assigned private counsel \$9,147,427		
Public defenders \$2,219,766		
Special counsel at mental hospitals \$150,396		
Support services (expert witness fees, professional examinations, transcripts) \$441,2	.32	
Appellate Defender Services \$325,297		
District Attorney Offices	11,362,203	12.1
Administrative Office of the Courts	3,340,519	3.6
General Administration \$1,773,126		
Information Services \$1,314,097		
Warehouse & Printing \$253,296	0.5.254	
Judicial Standards Commission	85,354	. l
Total General Fund Expenditures LEAA-Funded Projects	\$94,207,213 216,871	100.0
TOTAL	\$94,424,084	

Expenditures, July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

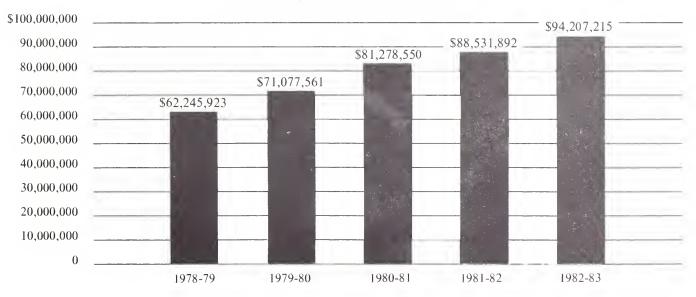


As the above chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 10.9% of total expenditures. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reporters) took 19.2% of the total. An additional 29.5% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior court, to

pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service.

The total General Fund expenditures of \$94,207,215 for 1982-83 represents a 6.4% increase over expenditures of \$88,531,892 in 1981-82, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

#### General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department Fiscal Years 1978-79 — 1982-83



#### Department Receipts July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled \$54,998,815.72. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 et seq.; these payments consti-

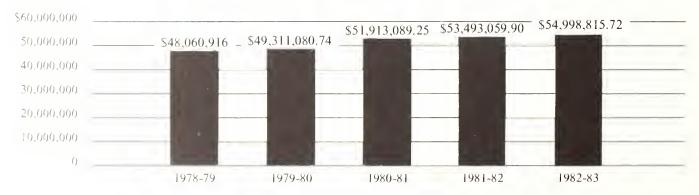
tuted 59.76% of the total receipts during 1982-83. Fines and forfeitures made up 37.75% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Reports and payments on indigent representation judgements — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Recepits	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 18,147.70	.03
Court of Appeals Fees	32,164.89	.06
Superior and District		
Court Costs	32,865,678.99	59.76
Fines and Forfeitures	20,762,988.44	37.75
Sales of Appellate		
Division Reports	202,091.48	.37
Payments on Indigent		
Representation		
Judgements	1,117,744.22	2.03
Total	\$54,998,815.72	100.00

This total of \$54,998,815.72 is an increase of 2.81% over total 1981-82 receipts of \$53,493,059.90. The graph

below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

#### Judicial Department Receipts, 1978-79 - 1982-83



# Distribution of Judicial Department Receipts (July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983)

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilties fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilties were used. Most jail facilties in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgements are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 18,147.70	.03
Court of Appeals Fees	32,164.89	.06
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	202,091.48	.37
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and	1,117,744.22	2.03
Retirement Fund Fees	2,252,543.88	4.10
Other Superior and District Court Fees	19,772,414.45	35.95
Total to State Treasurer	23,395,106.62	42.54
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	20,762,988.44	37.75
Judicial Facilities Fees	5,815,712.59	10.57
Officer Fees	2,807,040.61	5.10
Jail Fees	511,155.83	.93
Total to Counties	29,896,897.47	54.35
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	301,729.00	.55
Officer Fees	1,395,095.63	2.54
Jail Fees	9,987.00	.02
Total to Municipalities	1,706,811.63	3.11
GRAND TOTAL	\$54,998,815.72	100.00

# Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities\* July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Distributed to Counties Distributed to Municipalities Facility Officer Jail Fines and Facility Officer Jail Forfeitures Fees Fees Fees Fees Fees Fees Total Alamance 106.580.00 S 55,076.70 \$ 12,234.25 \$ 418,664.28 \$ -()-\$ 23,413.00 \$ -()-615,968.23 2,873.00 Vexander 16,931.00 9,697.00 89,964.00 -0-296.00 -0-119,761.00 Alleghany 2.471.00 2,978.00 1,736.00 28,226.06 582.00 35,993.06 -0--()-28,524.00 113,173.00 Anson 16,135.00 1,815.00 -0-1,312.00 -0-160,959.00 13,873.00 62,972.00 16,463.00 1,657.00 Ashe 348.00 -()-95,313.00 -()-11,324.00 8,128.00 614.00 48,556.00 -0-164.00 -()-68,786.00 Avery Beaufort 44,863.00 35,166.00 5,107.00 146,473.50 -()-6,490.00 -0-238,099.50 22,781.00 19,290.96 1,597.00 69,161.22 982.00 Bertie -()--()-113,812.18 Bladen 35,331.00 30,432.00 1,961.00 143,225.92 1,953.00 516.00 -()-213,418.92 2,233.74 Brunswick 29,858.00 17,414.00 130,102.38 2,020.00 1,703.00 -0-183,331.12 Buncombe 179,931.43 101,921.00 6,362.50 664,364.93 -()-42,087.00 -()-994,666.86 Burke 75,539,00 37,074.00 1.810.00 245,523.41 -()-8,972.00 -()-368,918.41 69,129.50 8,697.00 306,990.24 9,368.00 Cabarrus 93,618.00 -()--()-487,802.74 Caldwell 64,596.00 21,080.00 3,573.00 169,976.75 -()-9,350.00 -0-268,575.75 4,385.00 3,427.00 24,870.00 Camden 821.00 -0--()--()-33,503.00 1,455.00 211,970.92 9,686.00 -0-299,109.92 Carteret 49,438.00 26,560.00 -()-15,773.75 14,557.00 1,190.00 59,078.70 -()--()--()-90,599.45 Caswell Catawba 47,231.50 32,102.00 6,496.00 333,617.69 61,309.00 29,395.00 2,180.00 512,331.19 Chatham 22,160.00 21,067.00 1,345.00 82,283.72 6,584.00 1,276.00 275.00 134,990.72 Cherokee 12,734.00 8,992.00 3,613.00 59,677.00 -()-1,908.00 155.00 87,079.00 14,443.00 9,846.00 37,868.00 -()--()-65,917.00 Chowan 1,112.00 2,648.00 3,479.00 -0--0--()-2,334.00 828.00 20,384.00 27,025.00 Clay 65,713.09 26,317.50 8,749.00 184,215.44 -()-8,625.72 -()-293,620.75 Cleveland 172,797.58 130.00 Columbus 53,168.00 47,457.00 6,666.00 3,301.00 5,311.00 288,830.58 Craven 84,849.92 30,886.00 5,109.00 346,155.65 -()-18,655.00 -()-485,655.57 253,759.50 85,170.13 1,044,590.62 59,223.00 -()-Cumberland 26,253.47 -()-1,468,996.72 Currituck 14,430.00 12,385.65 1,535.00 73,548.60 -()--0--0-101,899.25 33,826.00 Dare 18,776.02 4,731.00 225,821.31 -()-7,036.00 -()-290, 190, 33 482,004.68 Davidson 84,664.50 64,045.73 7,502.60 305,156.85 12,620.00 8,015.00 -()-22,014.60 15,825.00 1,202.00 64,725.85 -0-572.00 -()-104,339.45 40,404.00 21,210.00 3,930.00 168,866.00 -()-1,140.00 525.00 236,075.00 325,976.50 636,361.50 189,780.00 60,274.00 3,656.00 56,675.00 -0-Durham -()-10,402.50 27,570.00 13,028.00 465.00 298,070.88 43,870.50 51,934.00 150,800.88 I dgecombe Forsyth 289,333,50 40,512.00 19,731.83 770,274.07 4,195.00 119,141.00 -()-1,243,187.40 Franklin 22,960.00 12,394.00 2,726.00 82,071.75 -0-468.00 -0-120,619.75 Gaston 135,306.00 88,015.55 12,068.00 487,969.85 -0-16,376.00 -()-739,735.40 7,777.00 415.00 31,763.66 -0-45,861.66 Gates 5,866.00 -()-40.0024,233.00 4,412.00 1,390.00 15,365.00 -()-36.00 -()-(iraham 3,030.00 34,089.00 15,788.00 3,990.00 121,093.77 -0-5,599.00 299.00 180,858.77 Granville Greene 13,272.00 9,802.00 1,362.00 56,594.84 -()--()--0-81,030.84 389,433.75 67,919.82 13,712.00 867,391.55 -0-148,116.00 -0-1,486,573.12 Guilford 329.00 7,727.00 15,918.00 419,008.11 Halifax 60,156.00 45,028.74 12,591.55 277,257.82 42.424.00 27,360.00 6,638.00 174,731.49 6,853.00 4,258.00 778.00 263,042.49 Harnett 1,014.00 2,603.00 -()-264,101.15 Haywood 41,707,00 29,746.00 987.00 188,044.15 320,660.76 Henderson 27,251.00 7,397.75 229,489.90 -()-5,406.00 -()-51,116.11 3,571.00 91,061.14 -0-2,276.00 -0-146,201.56 Hertford 30,036.00 19,257.42 -()-113,471.11 Hoke 21,283.00 12,251.74 3,138.00 75,100.37 -()-1,698.00 -()-41,623.75 H; de 29,515.75 -()-6.582.00 5,296.00 230.00 -()-63,989.00 272,398.42 11,953.00 10,467.00 411.00 394,084.48 Iredell 32,363.40 2,502.66

<sup>\*</sup>Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise #|hofficer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

# Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities\* July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Jackson	\$ 18,791.00	\$ 13,953.21	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 79,390.00		\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 113,454.21
Johnston	64,088.00	45,884.00	10,786.95	294,969.16	13,004.00	8,182.00	365.00	437,279.11
Jones	9,053.00	5,732.00	770.00	27,784.00	-0-	480.00	-0-	43,819.00
Lee	44,724.00	22,922.68	9,319.00	126,909.50	-0-	9,374.85	-0-	213,250.03
Lenoir	69,242.80	26,498.01	5,308.00	209,718.11	776.00	11,101.00	-0-	322,643.92
Lincoln	29,169.96	20,093.00	715.00	69,580.98	-0-	1,806.00	-0-	121,364.94
Macon	18,119.00	13,831.69	1,402.00	73,112.00	-()-	460.00	-0-	106,924.69
Madison	7,073.00	5,835.00	125.00	29,119.00	-0-	28.00	-0-	42,180.00
Martin	26,523.00	20,182.00	670.00	81,397.46	-0-	1,648.00	-0-	130,420.46
McDowell	28,001.00	17,880.00	1,303.00	113,754.09	-0-	1,452.00	-0-	162,390.09
Mecklenburg	450,313.50	51,895.00	206.00	1,218,608.03	-0-	264,591.05	-0-	1,985,613.58
Mitchell	6,441.00	4,806.00	750.00	21,475.86	-0-	512.00	-0-	33,984.86
Montgomery	34,929.00	30,253.00	3,147.00	86,197.00	-0-	900.00	-0-	155,426.00
Moore	54,054.00	37,965.00	2,392.00	199,208.37	4,908.00	8,477.00	335.00	307,339.37
Nash	49,429.00	53,936.41	10,799.75	238,788.09	34,998.00	12,768.00	991.00	401,710.25
New Hanover	132,158.60	37,124.37	13,154.55	620,866.61	-0-	29,615.00	155.00	833,074.13
Northampton	26,019.00	21,144.35	2,057.00	107,269.28	-0-	1,454.00	-0-	157,943.63
Onslow	99,617.75	68,893.45	24,967.95	458,369.92	-0-	13,809.50	-0-	665,658.57
Orange	43,349.50	30,785.75	2,470.00	211,327.45	23,830.00	17,500.00	610.00	329,872.70
Pamlico	7,016.00	5,176.00	795.00	22,341.35	-0-	44.00	-0-	35,372.35
Pasquotank	27,249.00	12,626.00	2,011.74	268,835.38	-0-	7,574.00	-0-	318,296.12
Pender	21,814.50	14,664.00	2,519.50	102,430.00	-0-	806.00	-0-	142,234.00
Perquimans	9,998.00	7,002.00	295.00	27,529.00	-0-	1,096.00	-0-	45,920.00
Person	22,516.99	16,897.00	2,016.00	76,480.51	-0-	1,850.00	-0-	119,760.50
Pitt	78,597.00	27,569.00	5,384.41	285,466.74	6,442.00	19,515.00	593.00	423,567.15
Polk	10,400.00	8,256.00	1,832.00	68,113.00	-0-	418.00	-0-	89,019.00
Randolph	63,912.00	54,733.73	2,945.00	200,999.56	1,040.00	8,110.00	-0-	331,740.29
Richmond	36,784.00	21,776.00	3,729.00	109,877.28	-0-	3,031.00	-0-	175,197.28
Robeson	92,319.00	59,967.40	12,299.00	472,519.40	32,776.00	21,806.00	896.00	692,582.80
Rockingham	63,388.19	39,136.50	8,395.00	312,186.84	26,686.00	25,989.00	25.00	475,806.53
Rowan	88,132.00	54,922.28	12,439.58	297,869.85	-0-	22,030.00	-0-	475,393.71
Rutherford	41,701.79	23,339.00	7,766.00	183,702.72	-0-	6,588.00	-0-	263,097.51
Sampson	61,511.50	47,423.00	8,763.50	210,477.46	-0-	1,918.00	-0-	330,093.46
Scotland	34,531.00	24,064.96	4,038.00	115,342.05	-0-	4,835.00	-0-	182,811.01
Stanly	45,009.00	16,266.00	5,208.00	192,257.72	-0-	6,310.00	-0-	265,050.72
Stokes	20,347.50	11,816.00	1,125.00	74,749.00	-0-	502.00	-0-	108,539.50
Surry	64,894.00	54,830.30	4,822.00	208,943.83	845.00	5,764.00	280.00	340,379.13
Swain	8,048.00	5,406.00	3,905.00	28,408.75	-0-	320.00	-0-	46,087.75
Transylvania	16,561.42	13,103.49	6,543.68	76,953.77	-0-	2,216.00	-0-	115,378.36
Tyrrell	4,345.50	2,928.00	40.00	15,571.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,884.50
Union	55,688.75	41,131.00	7,919.00	241,222.61	-0-	6,953.00	-0-	352,914.36
Vance	46,455.00	21,188.00	4,632.50	152,960.07	-0-	7,387.00	-0-	232,622.57
Wake	375,427.19	80,614.00	33,450.00	1,295,598.18	6,060.00	150,178.62	165.00	1,941,492.99
Warren	15,705.00	11,809.00	1,375.00	56,512.00	-0-	444.00	-0- -0-	85,845.00
Washington	12,331.00	9,509.00	1,258.00	32,751.23	-0-	892.00		56,741.23
Watauga	26,720.00	17,521.00	4,380.00	158,554.26	-0- 2 265 00	3,646.00	-0-	210,821.26
Wayne	91,468.00	39,146.00	5,960.39	299,282.44	3,265.00	22,623.00	25.00	461,769.83
Wilkes	60,727.00	33,293.00	6,167.52	254,899.23	-0-	1,074.00	-0-	356,160.75
Wilson	62,320.00	37,782.67	9,808.00	152,980.32	-0-	15,020.89	-0-	277,911.88
Yadkin	30,604.00	23,410.00	5,281.96	176,506.45	-0-	404.00	-0-	236,206.41
Yancey	9,283.00	7,676.50	1,070.00	22,919.00	-0-	414.00	-0-	41,362.50
State Totals	\$5,815,712.59	\$2,807,040.61	\$511,155.83	\$20,762,988.44	\$301,729.00	\$1,395,095.63	\$9,987.00	\$31,603,709.10

#### Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 et seq. These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Seven of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 3, 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 27 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the seven districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to October 1, 1981, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Defender is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief

Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender. The case and cost data reported below reflect the activity of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged to be neglected in juvenile petitions unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was \$12,284,119 in the 1982-83 fiscal year, compared to \$11,033,650 in the 1981-82 fiscal year, an increase of 11.3%. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 13.0% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983.

#### Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Number of Cases		Total Cost		verage er Case
Assigned Private Counsel					
Capital offense cases	350	\$	609,266	\$1	,740.76
Adult cases (other than capital)	37,643		7,216,860		191.72
Juvenile cases	5,411		512,200		94.66
As guardian ad litem for juveniles	5,222		809,101		154.94
Totals	48,626	\$	9,147,427	\$	188.12
Public Defender Offices					
District 3	1,641	\$	322,320	\$	196.42
District 12	2,730		395,969		145.04
*District 15B	<u>-</u>		2,367		
District 18	3,057		498,528		163.08
District 26	5,729		552,173		96.38
District 27A	1,771		248,411		140.27
District 28	1,475		199,999		135.59
Totals	16,403	\$	2,219,766	\$	135.33
Appellate Defender Office	206	\$	325,297	\$1	,579.11
Special Counsel at mental hospitals		\$	150,396		
Transcripts, records and briefs			371,583		
Professional examinations			36,872		
Expert witness fees			32,778		
GRAND TOTAL		\$1	2,284,119		

<sup>\*</sup>District 15B Public Defender Office was established in June, 1983. Expenses include only acquisition of initial library. Positions were established in July, 1983. No case activity in this office during June, 1983.

#### Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was \$150,396 for the 1982-83 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,895 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of \$13.90 for the special counsel service.

The following table presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1982-83. The total number of hearings in 1982-83 increased by 469 over the number held in 1981-82, for a 4.5% increase.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	758	978	602	1,330	3,668
Commitment to outpatient clinic	283	158	12	216	669
Discharge	1,667	1,215	508	717	4,107
Totals	2,708	2,351	1,122	2,263	8,444
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	97	209	143	282	731
Commitment to outpatient clinic	10	1	1	10	22
Discharge	88	134	44	91	357
Totals	195	344	188	383	1,110
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting	in:				
Commitment to hospital	146	299	323	353	1,121
Commitment to outpatient clinic	2	0	1	0	3
Discharge	42	20	11	24	97
Totals	190	319	335	377	1,221
Modification of Prior Order Hearings result	ting in:				
Commitment to hospital	3	17	2	36	58
Commitment to outpatient clinic	30	3	8	1	42
Discharge	8	8	l	3	20
Totals	41	28	11	40	120
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1,004	1,503	1,070	2,001	5,578
Commitment to outpatient clinic	325	162	22	227	736
Discharge	1,805	1,377	564	835	4,581
Grand Totals	3,134	3,042	1,656	3,063	10,895

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem		
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures	
District 1		•		•	
Camden	26	6,056.35	4	337.10	
Chowan	103	24,037.23	5	425.50	
Currituck	73	24,550.33	9	879.90	
Dare	124	32,124.30	8	1,901.12	
Gates	29	10,165.90	2	227.50	
Pasquotank	336	75,650.58	12	700.00	
Perquimans	_51	18,409.57	_5	415.00	
District Totals	742	190,994.26	<u>5</u> 45	4,886.12	
District 2					
Beaufort	293	77,107.91	6	350.00	
Hyde	26	6,321.70	3	150.00	
Martin	193	51,015.00	14	1,100.00	
Tyrrell	44	11,018.95		·	
Washington	115	22,449.00	14	750.00	
District Totals	671	167,912.56	37	2,350.00	
District 3					
Carteret	41	11,265.75	32	3,250.00	
Craven	52	18,681.23	57	9,775.09	
Pamlico	7	1,725.00		_	
Pitt	146	48,108.03	<u>42</u>	7,584.22	
District Totals	246	79,780.01	131	20,609.31	
District 4					
Duplin	308	94,475.63	36	4,000.00	
Jones	50	12,512.98	4	300.00	
Onslow	574	170,596.24	99	8,650.00	
Sampson	357	96,736.93	87	8,645.00	
District Totals	1,289	374,321.78	226	21,595.00	
District 5					
New Hanover	795	258,028.84	56	7,801.75	
Pender	76	23,822.19	4	380.90	
District Totals	871	281,851.03	60	8,182.65	
District 6					
Bertie	191	37,299.90	25	2,245.00	
Halifax	543	102,557.25	30	2,955.00	
Hertford	270	46,712.91	53	3,354.00	
Northampton	145	34,273.50	41	3,966.00	
District Totals	1,149	220,843.56	149	12,520.00	
District 7					
Edgecombe	622	138,556.17	28	3,700.00	
Nash	584	130,085.21	31	4,925.00	
Wilson	<u>751</u>	178,976.28	<u>19</u>	3,531.50	
District Totals	1,957	447,617.66	78	12,156.50	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes all orders received in FY 1982-83 of which \$2,785,856 was paid in July 1983.

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem		
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures	
District 8					
Greene	110	26,374.24	3	475.50	
Lenoir	938	145,443.12	84	8,594.43	
Wayne	828	181,086.31	115	17,207.87	
District Totals	1,876	352,903.67	202	26,277.80	
District 9					
Franklin	207	39,849.67	14	1,825.00	
Granville	296	42,349.20	10	1,935.00	
Person	253	53,008.16	25	3,790.00	
Vance	316	57,726.60	18	3,291.42	
Warren	115	17,336.00	13	2,282.48	
District Totals	1,187	210,269.63	80	13,123.90	
District 10					
Wake	2,874	561,843.06	278	65,835.64	
District 11					
Harnett	410	58,709.36	90	7,847.00	
Johnston	665	79,453.73	43	3,745.00	
Lee	479	72,018.86	<u>31</u>	3,074.00	
District Totals	1,554	210,181.95	164	14,666.00	
District 12					
Cumberland	134	49,033.56	141	11,128.59	
Hoke	7	4,934.75	<u>14</u>	1,010.00	
District Totals	141	53,968.31	155	12,138.59	
District 13					
Bladen	396	76,445.43	21	2,384.00	
Brunswick	273	52,897.00	40	3,821.72	
Columbus	540	102,184.00	<u>39</u>	4,155.00	
District Totals	1,209	231,526.43	100	10,360.72	
District 14					
Durham	2,526	462,288.27	189	39,984.42	
District 15A					
Alamance	898	177,475.20	94	8,494.45	
District 15B					
Chatham	143	29,623.91	15	1,588.00	
Orange	631	123,209.68	112	16,408.17	
District Totals	774	152,833.59	127	17,996.17	
District 16					
Robeson	1,214	211,973.33	168	7,675.00	
Scotland	442	57,714.00	56	4,850.00	
District Totals	1,656	269,687.33	$2\frac{30}{24}$	12,525.00	
District Totals	1,030	407,007.33	227	12,020.00	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes all orders received in FY 1982-83 of which \$2,785,856 was paid in July 1983.

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem		
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures	
District 17					
Caswell	149	20,929.80	21	1,675.00	
Rockingham	791	139,092.81	26	2,527.00	
Stokes	135	22,550.00	8	600.00	
Surry	<u>665</u>	118,048.71	<u>59</u>	5,272.00	
District Totals	1,740	300,621.32	114	10,074.00	
District 18					
Guilford	447	130,416.64	360	57,543.59	
District 19A					
Cabarrus	697	144,263.34	77	9,485.00	
Rowan	1, <u>048</u>	161,658.99	<u>54</u>	6,817.11	
District Totals	1,745	305,922.33	131	16,302.11	
District 19B					
Montgomery	273	59,465.63	8	1,194.60	
Randolph	<u>505</u>	94,864.85	<u>35</u>	4,132.85	
District Totals	778	154,330.48	43	5,327.45	
District 20					
Anson	352	53,580.64	16	1,275.00	
Moore	629	85,290.19	84	7,400.00	
Richmond	586	85,937.66	43	4,175.00	
Stanly	352	55,328.43	50	5,325.00	
Union	641	100,200.86	142	13,735.32	
District Totals	2,560	380,337.78	335	31,910.32	
District 21					
Forsyth	3,271	471,555.54	234	28,207.60	
District 22					
Alexander	166	32,367.90	26	3,250.00	
Davidson	759	134,294.48	136	17,240.50	
Davie Iredell	112 662	20,152.97 126,397.15	25 63	2,777.00 6,790.98	
District Totals	1,699	313,212.50	250	30,058.48	
District 23	2.4	10.225.00	2	275.00	
Alleghany	34 145	10,325.00 14,574.32	3 17	275.00 925.00	
Ashe Wilkes	418	79,563.50	66	4,240.00	
Yadkin	154	19,526.40	<u>24</u>	1,660.00	
District Totals	<del>751</del>	123,989.22	110	7,100.00	
District Totals	/31	123,707.22	110	7,100.00	

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	<b>Assigned Counsel</b>		Guardian Ad Litem		
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures	
District 24					
Avery	132	32,515.30		_	
Madison	74	13,035.00	20	3,350.00	
Mitchell	68	11,090.65	30	3,305.00	
Watauga	187	61,353.84	2	425.00	
Yancey	_32	10,075.50	$\frac{2}{3}$ 55	300.00	
District Totals	493	128,070.29	55	7,380.00	
District 25					
Burke	581	105,878.34	63	12,344.29	
Caldwell	796	115,602.25	30	3,681.75	
Catawba	1,051	166,569.55	<del>79</del>	11,458.75	
District Totals	2,428	388,050.14	172	27,484.79	
District 26					
Mecklenburg	2,824	590,956.76	505	226,981.41	
District 27A					
Gaston	215	39,117.53	44	6,050.00	
District 27B					
Cleveland	453	92,667.25	47	6,450.00	
Lincoln	<u>191</u>	49,377.50	<u>17</u>	<u>2,650.00</u>	
District Totals	644	142,044.75	64	9,100.00	
District 28					
Buncombe	335	49,755.79	171	12,370.75	
District 29					
Henderson	358	82,274.40	59	8,225.00	
McDowell	254	53,019.62	30	4,460.00	
Polk	71	16,826.77	2	250.00	
Rutherford	272	81,889.52	31	2,950.00	
Transylvania	114	24,103.54	10	1,575.00	
District Totals	1,069	258,113.85	132	17,460.00	
District 30	0.4	1.4.755.20	25	2 420 79	
Cherokee	91	14,755.39	25	2,420.78	
Clay	38	4,183.24	1 12	75.00 650.00	
Graham	21 275	5,586.50 43,080.67	68	4,020.00	
Haywood Jackson	119	23,833.93	31	2,600.00	
Macon	198	18,030.39	14	1,281.52	
Swain	43	6,063.12	12	1,000.83	
District Totals	785	115,533.24	163	12,048.13	
STATE TOTALS	43,404	8,338,326.46	5,222	809,100.90	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes all orders received in FY 1982-83 of which \$2,785,856 was paid in July 1983.

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL (Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1983)

Positions Authorized		Salary Ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7 23	Justices	\$57,012-\$58,212
7	law clerks, library staff)	
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12 29	Judges Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff,	
18	Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks) Secretarial personnel	
	SUPERIOR COURT	
68 74 40	Judges	\$14,916-\$29,880
	DISTRICT COURT	
142 611 33 6	Judges	\$ 9,936-\$15,372 \$10,524-\$15,612
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
35 273 73	District Attorneys Staff personnel Secretarial personnel	\$12,012-\$42,456
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100 1,367 7	Clerks of Superior Court Staff personnel Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,148-\$24,732
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
6 54 20 4 4	Public Defenders  Staff personnel  Secretarial personnel  Special counsel at mental hospitals  Secretarial personnel	\$ 9,264-\$15,612 \$18,000-\$22,488
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
274 53	Court counselors	
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1 1 114	Administrative Officer of the Courts Assistant Director Staff personnel	\$50,940 \$36,384 \$10,524-\$37,908

# PART IV TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- Superior Court Division
- District Court Division

#### TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the 1982-83 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1983 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1982-83. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1982-83 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 34 judicial districts and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is primarily a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

# PART IV, Section 1

# Superior Court Division Caseflow Data

#### The Superior Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow during the 1982-83 year of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts, that is, cases before superior court judges. Data is also presented on cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases, felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts, and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1982-83, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (51.1%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (32.6%), with civil cases amounting to 16.3% of total case filings in the superior courts. There was a slight decrease in civil case filings during the 1982-83 year but this was more than offset by increases in the criminal case categories. The proportions for the three categories of cases are in line with the prevailing pattern of recent years.

As in previous years, the following second bar chart indicates that the "typical" superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the "typical" criminal case. The bar chart shows that the numbers of cases filed and disposed of during 1982-83 in the two criminal case categories (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) are considerably larger than year-end case pending totals. On the other hand, the total number of civil cases pending at year's end is close to the number of filings and and dispositions.

Data presented in the second bar graph, as well as in the following tables covering the ages of superior court cases, clearly supports the longer disposition period conclusion regarding civil cases. The median-age data, which is presented in the second bar graph, shows that the median age of superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1983 is 164 days. Similar data, covering pending cases in the felony and misdemeanor appeal categories, shows median ages of 80 and 66 days, respectively. For superior court civil case dispositions in 1982-83, the median case age at disposition was 302 days, compared to 81 days for felony cases at disposition and 66 days for misdemeanor appeals at disposition. Comparing this median-age data with the same information for 1981-82, it is significant that the median age of pending civil cases dropped from 254 days as of June 30, 1982 to 164 days as of June 30, 1983; and the median age for civil cases at disposition dropped from 307 days in 1981-82 to 302 days in 1982-83. This reflects an improvement in the overall pattern of both criminal and civil case dispositions.

The 1982-83 aging data for pending cases in the two criminal case categories show decreases from the median ages reported for 1981-82. The median age of pending felony cases dropped from 83 days as of June 30, 1982 to 80 days as of June 30, 1983, and a similar decrease was recorded in the median age of pending misdemeanor appeals from 69 days as of June 30, 1982 to 66 days as of June 30, 1983. The median age of felony cases at disposition also rose during the past fiscal year from 73 days in 1981-82 to 81 days in 1982-83. The median age of misdemeanor appeals at disposition increased from 62 days in 1981-82 to 66 days in 1982-83.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes (G.S. 15A-701 et seq.) prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for "injury in his lands, goods, person or reputation." (Article I, Section 18, N. C. Constitution)

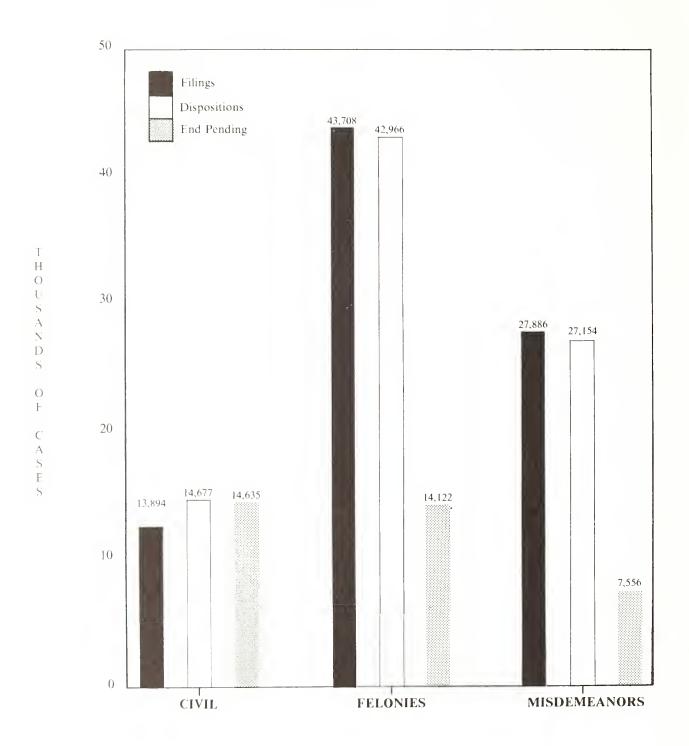
During 1982-83, a Statewide total of 85,488 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts. This represents an increase of only 917 (1.1%) over 1981-82 case filings of 84,571, which is less than the increase trend for filings in recent years. A review of similar data for the period between 1977 and the end of 1980-81 reveals that filings increased at an average rate of 10.2%.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials in superior court continue to be responsible for a low percentage of case dispositions: 899 civil cases (6.1%) out of a total of 14,677; 2,618 felony cases (6.1%) out of a total of 42,966; and 1,381 misdemeanor cases (5.1%) out of a total of 27,154 misdemeanor dispositions.

The data tables also show that pleas of guilty are entered in a majority (54.2%) of criminal case dispositions in the superior courts.

#### SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

#### 1982-83

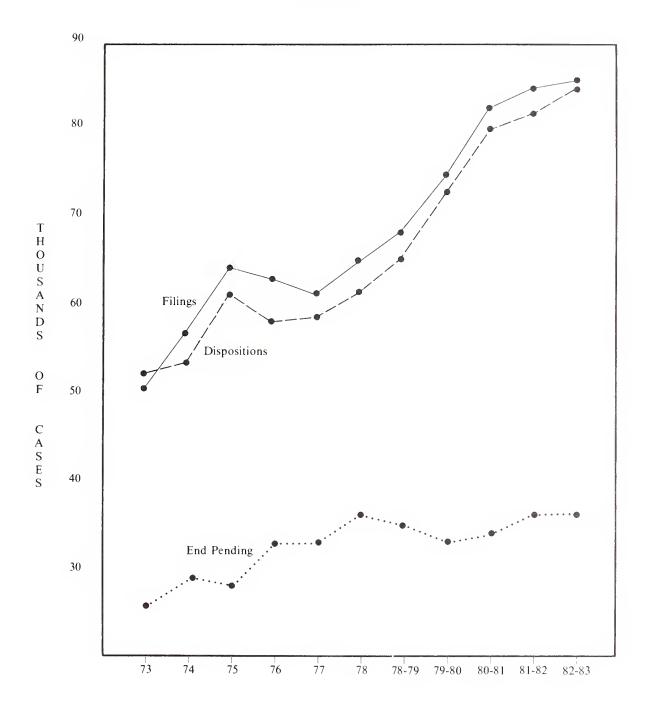


For the second straight year, civil case dispositions exceeded (105.6%) the number of civil cases filed during the same period. Felony case filings in 1982-83 exceeded

dispositions during that year by 742 cases. During the prior year, the excess of felony filings over felony dispositions was 2,087 cases.

#### CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

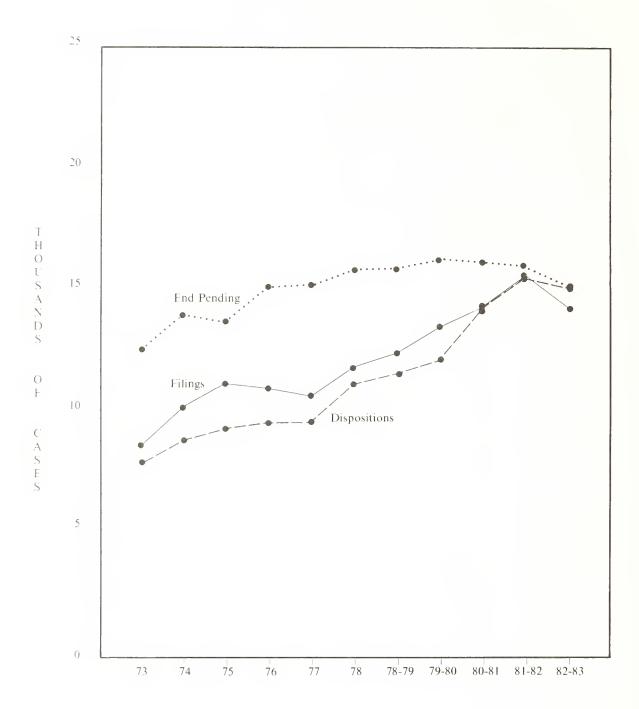
#### 1973-1983



This graph portrays civil and criminal caseload in the superior courts. Filings and dispositions continued the

increasing trend of the last five years. The year end pending case count increased by only 11 cases over last year.

# CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1973-1983

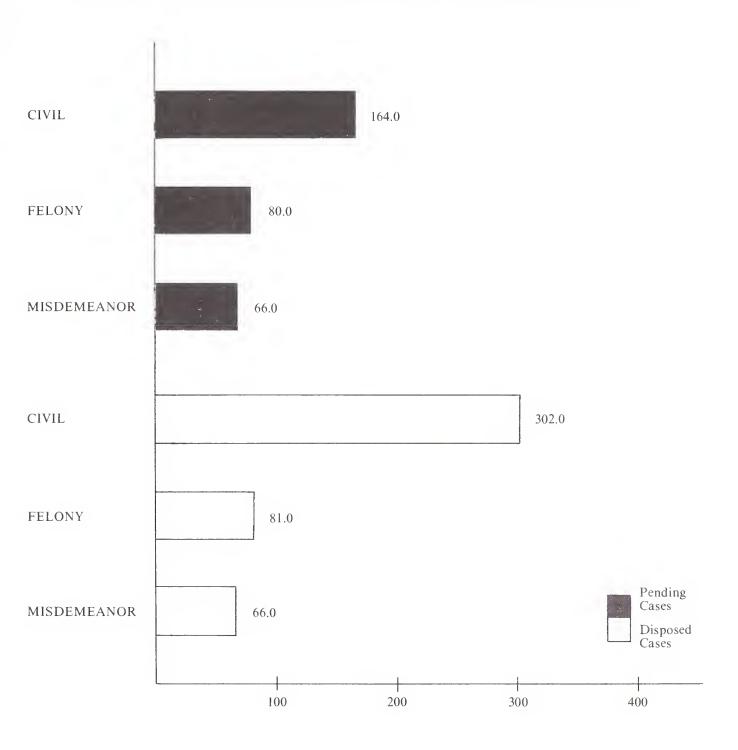


Dispositions for civil cases exceeded filings for the second year: as a result, the number of year-end pending cases

was less than the number pending at the beginning of 1982-83.

#### LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

#### Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and of Cases Disposed of During 1982-83



The median age of a case category is that age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graph, the median age of all civil superior court cases disposed of during 1982-83 was 302 days and the median age of all

criminal superior court cases disposed of during 1982-83 was less than 81 days, reflecting the very substantially greater time taken to process civil cases through the superior courts. A similar relationship exists with respect to the median ages of pending civil and criminal cases.

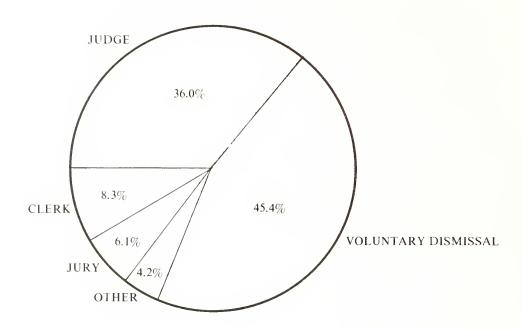
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1					Disposes	-,,
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perguimans	19 28 33 85 13 41 32	11 24 31 84 9 75 31	30 52 64 169 22 116 63	19 26 38 76 12 57 30	63.3 50.0 59.3 44.9 54.5 49.1 47.6	11 26 26 93 10 59 33
District Totals	251	265	516	258	50.0	258
	231	203	310	230	30.0	230
District 2	C.F.	0.1	146	6.1	41 7	0.5
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington District Totals	65 15 39 8 30 157	81 17 35 8 30 171	146 32 74 16 60 328	61 14 41 9 33 158	41.7 43.7 55.4 56.2 55.0 48.1	85 18 33 7 27 170
District 3						
Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	136 174 15 204	124 193 21 198	260 367 36 402	121 183 19 201	46.5 49.8 52.7 50.0	139 184 17 201
District Totals	529	5 36	1,065	524	49.2	541
District 4						
Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	100 18 157 71	87 21 177 75	187 39 334 146	86 18 135 78	45.9 46.1 40.4 53.4	101 21 199 68
District Totals	346	360	706	317	44.9	389
District 5						
New Hanover Pender	251 51	213 13	464 64	261 28	56.2 43.7	203 36
District Totals	302	226	528	289	54.7	239
District 6						
Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton	43 78 56 35	28 64 56 34	71 142 112 69	46 63 42 26	64.7 44.3 37.5 37.6	25 79 70 43
District Totals	212	182	394	177	44.9	217
District 7						
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	73 144 105	105 126 100	178 270 205	90 154 106	50.5 57.0 51.7	88 116 99
District Totals	322	331	653	350	53.5	303
District 8						
Greene Lenoir	12 133	14 161	26 294	11 156	42.3 53.0	15 138
Wayne District Totals	222	194	416	240 407	57.6 55.2	176 329
District Totals	367	369	736	407	23.2	323

District 9	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren	71 59 34 78 24	51 41 28 68 21	122 100 62 146 45	60 53 33 73 21	49.1 53.0 53.2 50.0 46.6	62 47 29 73 24
District Totals	266	209	475	240	50.5	235
<u>District 10</u> Wake	1,309	1,309	2,618	1,409	53.8	1,209
District 11						
Harnett Johnston Lee	95 162 63	143 269 73	238 431 136	128 292 87	53.7 67.7 63.9	110 139 49
District Totals	320	485	805	507	62.9	298
<u>District 12</u> Cumberland	399	430	829	355	42.8	474
Hoke	4	17	21	10	47.6	11
District Totals	403	447	850	365	42.9	485
District 13						
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	34 75 141	60 59 104	94 134 245	52 73 107	55.3 54.4 43.6	42 61 138
District Totals	250	223	473	232	49.0	241
<u>District 14</u> Durham	462	452	914	484	52.9	430
District 15A						
Alamance	187	156	343	165	48.1	178
District 15B						
Chatham Orange	35 152	57 <b>151</b>	92 303	51 145	55.4 47.8	41 158
District Totals	187	208	395	196	49.6	199
District 16						
Robeson Scotland	133 31	139 18	272 49	142 34	52.2 69.3	130 15
District Totals	164	157	321	176	54.8	145
District 17A						
Caswell Rockingham	17 120	13 131	30 251	21 158	70.0 62.9	9 93
District Totals	137	144	281	179	63.7	102
District 17B						
Stokes Surry	25 100	28 <b>1</b> 57	53 257	36 143	67.9 55.6	17 114
District Totals	125	185	310	179	57.7	131

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 18 Guilford						
Greensboro High Point	1,310 259	849 2 <b>1</b> 9	2,159 478	886 208	41.0 43.5	1,273 270
District Totals	1,569	1,068	2,637	1,094	41.4	1,543
District 19A						
Cabarrus Rowan	176 149	109 156	285 305	139 177	48.7 58.0	146 128
District Totals	325	265	590	316	53.5	274
District 19B						
Montgomery Randolph	22 171	12 117	34 288	14 132	41.1 45.8	20 156
District Totals	193	129	322	146	45.3	176
District 20						
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	67 161 126 94 162	50 61 50 62 132	117 222 176 156 294	49 98 82 58 158	41.8 44.1 46.5 37.1 53.7	68 124 94 98 136
District Totals	610	355	965	445	46.1	520
District 21 Forsyth	571	702	1,273	695	54.5	578
District 22	3/1	702	1,273	093	34.3	376
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	11 156 49 130	40 182 51 191	51 338 100 321	20 193 46 192	39.2 57.1 46.0 59.8	31 145 54 129
District Totals	346	464	810	451	55.6	359
District 23						
Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin	5 17 146 24	16 19 104 37	21 36 250 61	9 16 124 29	42.8 44.4 49.6 47.5	12 20 126 32
District Totals	192	176	368	178	48.3	190
District 24	0.5		0.0	0.5	40.7	4.5
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Vancey	25 30 24 67 21	55 29 27 74 18	80 59 51 141 39	35 22 25 68 22	43.7 37.2 49.0 48.2 56.4	45 37 26 73 17
District Totals	167	203	370	172	46.4	198
District 25 Burke Caldwell Catawba	195 174 290	155 130 288	350 304 578	149 151 313	42.5 49.6 54.1	201 153 265
District Totals	659	573	1,232	613	49.7	619
District 26 Vecklenburg	2,480	1,788	4,268	1,944	45.5	2,324

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 27A					•	
Gaston	577	406	983	601	61.1	382
District 27B						
Cleveland Lincoln	132 40	150 74	282 114	158 67	56.0 58.7	124 47
District Totals	172	224	396	225	56.8	171
District 28						
Buncombe	506	543	1,049	589	56.1	460
District 29						
Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania	171 51 20 95 42	112 50 21 86 49	283 101 41 181 91	109 55 19 73 46	38.5 54.4 46.3 40.3 50.5	174 46 22 108 45
District Totals	379	318	697	302	43.3	395
District 30						
Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	43 12 17 97 122 49 36 376	25 11 6 84 57 57 25 265	68 23 23 181 179 106 61	38 17 13 79 78 36 33	55.8 73.9 56.5 43.6 43.5 33.9 54.0	30 6 10 102 101 70 28
State Totals	15,418	13,894	29,312	14,677	50.0	14,635

# METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES 1982-1983



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior cases during 1982-83 is very similar to the comparable graph for previous years. As in the past, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions.

When compared to 1981-82, these percentages show increased dispositions within the voluntary dismissal and judge categories, and declines in the clerk and other categories.

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1						
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	19 26 38 76 12 57 30	2 10 16 18 7 18 7	2 2 0 2 0 1 1	3 8 7 8 3 17 6	7 4 12 38 1 17	5 2 3 10 1 4 3
District Totals	258	78	8	52	92	28
District 2						
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington	61 14 41 9 33	17 5 14 3 16	5 1 3 0	8 0 4 0 4	14 7 12 3 11	17 1 8 3 2
District Totals	158	55	9	16	47	31
District 3 Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	121 183 19 201	35 54 2 78	8 20 1 7	8 17 3 18	56 85 8 98	14 7 5 0
District Totals	524	169	36	46	247	26
District 4 Duplin	86	27	13	7	34	5
Jones Onslow Sampson	18 135 78	4 44 25	0 11 9	4 1 5	9 73 39	1 6 0
District Totals	317	100	33	17	155	12
District 5						
New Hanover Pender	261 28	88 15	11 3	15 0	147 9	0 1
District Totals	289	103	14	15	156	1
District 6						
Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton	46 63 42 26	24 34 21 7	1 0 1 1	5 7 8 2	15 16 12 14	1 6 0 2
District Totals	177	86	3	22	57	9
District 7						
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	90 154 106	33 47 46	2 8 7	8 12 9	47 84 43	0 3 1
District Totals	350	126	17	29	174	4
District 8						
Greene Lenoir Wayne	11 156 240	7 45 1 <b>11</b>	1 12 8	0 21 22	0 78 99	3 0 0
District Totals	407	163	21	43	177	3

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 9	·		v			
Franklin	60	26	0	1	31	2
Granville Person	53 33	18 10	5 0	1	28 21	1 1
Vance	73	21	0	6	44	2
Warren	21	10	0	3	7	1
District Totals	240	85	5	12	131	7
District 10						
Wake	1,409	706	62	77	517	47
District 11						
Harnett	128	42	18	5	62	1
Johnston Lee	292 87	10 <b>1</b> 25	21 9	83 8	86 44	1 1
District Totals	507	168	48	96		
	507	100	40	90	192	3
District 12						
Cumberland	355	91	20	15	228	1
Hoke	10	7	0	0	1	2
District Totals	365	98	20	15	229	3
District 13						
Bladen Brunswick	52 73	18 39	2	4 4	27 29	1 1
Columbus	107	34	11	7	51	4
District Totals	232	91	13	15	107	6
District 14						
Durham	484	160	38	65	205	16
District 15A						
Alamance	165	52	5	24	80	4
District 15B						
Chatham	51	12	4	6	12	17
Orange	145	48	15	7	73	2
District Totals	196	60	19	13	85	19
District 16						
Pobeson	142	62	12	6 4	49 14	13 0
Scotland District Totals	34	14	2 14	10	63	13
	176	76	14	10	03	13
District 17A						
Caswell	21	8 50	0 19	3 19	8 68	2 2
Pockingham  Diet diet Tetelle	158					4
District Totals	179	58	19	22	76	4
District 17B				_	4.4	2
Stokes Surry	36 143	17 58	0	3 27	14 58	2
District Totals		75	0	30	72	2
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	Total				Voluntary	
District 18 Guilford	Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Dismissal	Other
Greensboro High Point	886 208	304 58	49 16	54 26	454 100	<b>25</b> 8
District Totals	1,094	362	65	80	554	33
District 19A						
Cabarrus Rowan	139 177	42 53	9 16	10 9	78 97	0 2
District Totals	316	95	25	19	175	2
District 19B						
Montgomery Randolph	14 132	5 62	1 11	0 5	8 50	0 4
District Totals	146	67	12	5	58	4
District 20						
Anson Moore	49 98	12 39	5 4	5 6	27 48	0 1
Richmond	82	38	2	11	18	13
Stanly Union	58 158	21 45	2 3	2 30	32 79	1 1
District Totals	445	155	16	54	204	16
District 21						
Forsyth	695	211	50	54	359	21
District 22						
Alexander Davidson	20 193	7 71	0 16	2 25	11 76	0 5
Davie	46	10	1	3	28	4
Iredell District Totals	192 451	70 158	4 21	19 49	80 195	19 28
District 23	101	130		13	130	20
Alleghany	9	5	0	2	0	2
Ashe Wilkes	16 124	7 44	0 5	1 4	7 70	1 1
Yadkin	29	6	6	0	16	1
District Totals	178	62	11	7	93	5
District 24						
Avery Madison	35 22	16 4	0 5	2 2	1 11	16 0
Mitchell	25	8	1	2	12	2
Watauga Yancey	68 22	24 9	0 2	5 0	37 11	2
District Totals	172	61	8	11	72	20
District 25						
Burke Caldwell	149 151	57 58	16 9	15 10	59 23	2 51
Catawba	313	109	13	35	83	73
District Totals	613	224	38	60	165	126
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,944	607	110	150	1,014	63

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27A Gaston	601	205	54	18	320	4
District 27B	001	200	34	10	320	7
Cleveland Lincoln	158 67	55 26	6 6	11 8	79 26	7 1
District Totals	225	81	12	19	105	8
District 28 Buncombe	589	231	65	45	233	15
District 29 Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania	109 55 19 73 46	43 26 7 18 21	4 0 0 12 1	7 3 0 4 2	53 25 10 30 20	2 1 2 9 2
District Totals	302	115	17	16	138	16
District 30 Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	38 17 13 79 78 36 33	24 1 3 38 47 12 12 12	1 3 2 0 1 0 4	1 0 1 8 2 0 2	7 5 6 30 27 20 14 109	5 8 1 3 1 4 1 23
State Totals	14,677	5,280	899	1,220	6,656	622

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Total	Mean	Median		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	nding Cas	es (Days)		Total	Mean	Median	Ag	es of Case	s at Dispo	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	/s)
Pending	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Disposed	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
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	395.3	382.5	19	11 3	18 18	460	1 7 C C	12 57 30	477.0 278.2 363.6	525.5 218.0 288.5	17 4	004	12	17	000
	397.4	249.0	57	48	09	54	39	258	440.6	267.5	69	43	40	61	45
	280.2	240.0	22	15	20	25	r 2	61	502.0	253.0	16	8 -	15	12	10
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	273.5	175.0	10	4	9	9		33	326.3	323.0	9	2	11	13	1
	310.4	242.0	47	24	45	41	13	158	436.8	290.0	36	16	47	38	21
	318.2	293.0	22	28	39	41	9	121	386.4	333.0	22	17	22	39	18
	220.3	184.0	573	32.23	4 6 7	223	12	19	341.9	301.0	42	31 0 2	62 4	7 4	19
	299.2	234.0	124	101	143	139	34	524	340.1	266.5	112	9/	149	135	55
	402.8	281.0	22	11	25	22	21	86	335.0	238.5	19	17	18	24	∞ ~
	357.7	245.0	39 12	41	53	45 15	2 <u>1</u> 6	135	420.5	311.0	24 18	26 14	28 19	33	24
	365.5	240.0	75	71	107	84	52	317	373.1	273.0	64	58	70	82	43
	332.0	273.0	34	40	51	64	14 14	261	340.2	277.0	65	21	76	73	26
	380.4	318.0	37	43	54	77	28	289	383.0	303.0	99	21	83	77	43
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	438.6	295.0	40	39	46	69	33	177	349.4	312.0	42	26	46	46	17

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	Pending	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Disposed		Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	-730
Unstract / Edgecombe Nash	88 116	217.1	132.0	32 27	20	17	16	3	90	263.0	174.5	2 <sup>1</sup> 29	28	18	18 48	30
Wilson District Totals	303	314.3	224.0 190 n	18	24	25	25	7 22	350	385.5	265.5	23	17	28	21	17
District 8			) - -				5	1			0				5	)
Greene Lenoir Wayne	15 138 176	239.2 238.0 328.4	230.0 153.0 227.5	4 4 43	3 36 31	6 31 44	24 41	1 4 17	11 156 240	357.4 314.3 366.7	391.0 278.0 313.5	29 49	1 18 23	1 53 67	5 50 75	1 6 26
District Totals	329	286.4	196.0	06	70	81	99	22	407	346.4	299.5	81	42	121	130	33
District 9																
Franklin Granville Person	62 47 29	432.4 340.0 435.2	335.0 272.0 449.0	10 4	10	18 15 5	18	11 4 5	60 53 33	511.8 467.6 320.5	324.0 394.0 212.0	0000	12 5 7	15 10 4	15 19 11	10
Vance Warren	73	286.3	157.0 216.5	17	21	12 5	19	45	73	343.8	231.0	17	15	12 6	21 8	8 2
District Totals	235	364.6	266.0	42	43	55	99	29	240	418.7	318.5	44	41	47	74	34
District 10	(	6	(	(	(	0	1	Č.	9	1	6	6	6			
маке	1,209	299.9	232.0	303	203	329	276	86	1,409	307.4	239.0	300	290	402	316	101
District 11 Harnett Johnston	110	223.2	187.5	19	35	37	17	215	128 292	278.0	196.5 113.0	33 126	27	24 60	38 48	9 4 0
Lee District Totals	298	225.3	165.5	10	L9 83	12	/ 20	<b>-</b> ∞	507	344.4	274.0	16 175	11	30	107	19
District 12																
Cumberland Hoke	474 11	323.9 243.9	249.5 141.0	101 4	87	125 2	116 3	45 0	355 10	384.5	325.0 60.5	75	42 1	80	112 0	46
District Totals	485	322.1	244.0	105	88	127	119	45	365	376.4	314.0	82	43	82	112	46
District 13	72	200 5	163 5	-	a	Ξ	o	c	2	0 770	162 5	5	7	Ç	5	-
Bragen Brunswick Columbus	61 138	369.5 395.0	337.0	25	20	20 34	15 38	10 21	73 107	420.3 450.5	370.0 421.0	188	14 12 16	15 17	30	21
District Totals	241	355.0	282.0	46	37	99	62	31	232	395.6	334.5	39	42	42	79	30
District 14 Durham	430	286.0	206.0	103	98	116	93	32	484	386.0	300.5	66	72	104	142	29

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	Total	Meen	Medien		Ages of Po	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	es (Days)		Total	Meen	Medion	Age	es of Cases	at Dispos	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	-
District 15A	Pending	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Disposed	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
Alamance	178	432.2	342.5	27	31	37	54	29	165	459.8	294.0	49	18	23	36	39
District 15B Chatham	-	757 /	0 896	o	и	00	v		7	0 130	0	5	٢	-	Ä	C
Orange	158	276.5	216.0	27	42	42	42	7.1	145	325.2	322.0	21	18	1/ 50	15 51	21 ⊂
District Totals	199	272.6	238.0	36	47	62	48	9	196	309.5	293.5	33	25	29	99	5
District 16 Robeson Scotland	130 15	318.3	284.0 232.0	31	16 3	35 4	37	11	142 34	361.5 382.4	313.5	34	14	33	47	14
District Totals	145	322.3	276.0	33	19	39	40	14	176	365.5	294.0	38	22	40	58	18
District 17A Caswell Rockingham	6 6 8	269.0 224.7	324.0 212.0	1 24	2 21	3 26	22	0 0	21 158	476.9 277.5	294.0 262.0	34	6 20	59	4 4 4 1	4 4
District Totals	102	228.6	212.0	25	23	29	25	0	179	300.9	263.0	36	56	64	45	00
District 17B Stokes Surry	17	157.6	155.0 176.5	5 26	33	4 38	1	0	36 143	298.6 230.6	265.0 200.0	5	5 24	18	6 26	27.4
District Totals	131	198.3	156.0	31	40	42	17	<b>-</b>	179	244.3	207.0	47	59	9	32	9
District 18 Guilford Greensboro High Point	1,273	491.9	392.0	198	147	258	340	330 35	886	710.2	478.5	170	91	133	147	345
District Totals	1,543	474.2	379.0	234	200	313	431	365	1,094	6.899	441.5	211	124	173	179	407
District 19A Cabarrus Rowan	146 128	488.2	317.0 187.0	21	18	44	38 21	25 5	139 177	471.6 346.9	435.0	23	7 25	24	63	22
District Totals	274	372.9	254.0	52	46	84	59	30	316	401.8	376.0	53	32	99	135	30
District 19B Montgomery Randolph	20 156	462.6	428.0 351.5	2 24	1 29	2 8	10	3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	14 132	505.1 435.3	362.0 348.5	23	3	38 3	33.5	2 27
District Totals	176	405.8	362.5	56	30	32	63	25	146	442.0	348.5	24	14	41	38	29
District 20	;	!														
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	68 124 94 98 136	505.4 485.8 728.5 455.1 313.5	247.5 421.0 531.5 372.0 259.5	16 12 9 16 27	14 14 11 7 24	10 22 14 26 37	13 58 38 42	15 18 37 11 6	49 98 82 58 158	684.5 555.7 532.2 382.7	619.0 429.0 542.5 335.0 358.5	6 11 6 31	4 7 8 18	21 10 20 32	14 33 14 61	20 28 32 9
District Totals	520	481.4	373.5	80	70	109	174	87	445	502.0	408.0	63	46	88	143	105

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	nding Cas	es (Days)		T	Moore		Ag	es of Cases	s at Dispos	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	
	Lotal Pending	Age	Age	06-0	081-16	181-365	366-730	>730	Disposed	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	~730
District 21 Forsyth	578	238.7	177.0	166	125	175	88	23	695	346.6	271.0	139	06	229	173	64
District 22 Alexander Davidson Davies Iredell	31 145 54 129	165.4 252.4 269.6 262.0	125.0 197.0 209.5 196.0	9 43 16 30	24 8 29	12 42 13 35	1 29 16 30	0 / 1 / 2	20 193 46 192	231.4 300.6 269.3 229.0	129.5 248.0 289.0 180.0	8 47 9 63	26 4 33	2 52 20 53	63 13 35	- v C w
District Totals	359	250.9	196.0	98	70	102	9/	13	451	263.9	218.0	127	29	127	116	14
District 23 Alleghany Ashe Wilkes	12 20 126 32	174.7 380.3 348.4 250.4	132.5 247.5 328.0 245.5	20 4	10 10	3 6 14 14	452 m	0 3 10	9 16 124 29	214.1 235.8 422.8 291.3	204.0 226.5 468.0 260.0	21 6	0 16 5	5 8 11 9	1 0 8 8	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
District Totals	190	324.3	278.0	31	31	63	51	14	178	374.0	357.0	34	24	33	99	21
District 24 Avery Madison Witchell Watauga Yancey District Totals	45 37 26 73 17	245.6 293.5 349.3 293.1 349.1	146.0 269.0 139.5 247.0 240.0	15 11 26 2 63	175 8 4 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	11 6 17 17 45	12 15 15 39	13 7 3 3 16 16	35 22 28 68 22 172	227.2 328.5 204.3 246.8 381.4	203.0 355.0 212.0 207.0 326.5	7 4 12 4 32	6 4 1 1 33	16 12 23 8	6 10 2 17 6	00000 m
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District 25 Burke Caldwell Catawba	201 153 265	433.5 362.1 251.6	322.0 314.0 212.0	35 23 57	21 24 56	58 40 93	62 52 47	25 12 51	149 151 313	429.3 392.9 356.7	357.0 323.0 340.0	21 34 66	21 17 33	34 31 75	53 50 112 215	20 19 27 66
District 26 Mecklenburg	2,324	387.4	343.0	414	298	509	830	273	1,944		368.5	386	218	360	461	519
District 27A Gaston	382	316.7	241.5	92	78	109	95	24	601	480.4	456.0	94	51	100	242	114
District 27B Cleveland Lincoln District Totals	124 47 171	214.8 158.0 199.2	174.5 132.0 241.5	34 16 50	29 11 40	37 17 54	21 3 24	m 0 m	158 67 225	251.0 202.6 236.6	254.0 217.0 228.0	43 18 61	21 13 34	55 30 85	37 6 43	2 0 2
District 28 Buncombe	460	269.8	193.5	115	101	143	80	21	589	345.3	281.0	93	74	221	145	99

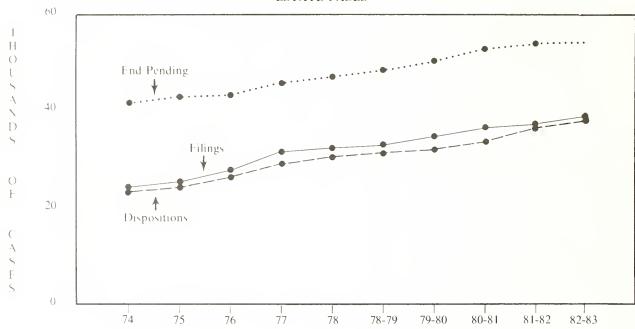
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District 29	I otal Pending	Mean	Median	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	l otal Disposed	Mean 1 Age	Median Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
Henderson	174	420.7	377.5	20	17	45	70	22	109	577.6	523.0	17	16	15	14	47
McDowell	46	313.2	202.0	6	12	13	7	2	52	439.1	344.0	∞	9	15	17	6
Polk	22	415.1	316.0	2	2	9	ĸ	9	19	403.8	315.0	2	2	4	2	m
Rutherford	108	358.2	313.0	12	18	35	33	10	73	429.8	369.0	11	13	12	21	16
Transylvania	45	267.7	198.0	10	12	6	13	1	46	395.4	294.5	10	2	13	14	4
District Totals	395	373.4	314.0	26	61	108	126	44	302	478.0	356.0	48	45	29	71	79
District 30																
Cherokee	30	422.7	347.5	4	e	∞	12	æ	38	442.2	278.0	9	2	13	10	4
Clay	9	308.0	250.5	0	1	m	2	0	17	427.9	246.0	2	4	· ·	9	2
Graham	10	363.7	422.0	2	2	0	4	2	13	508.5	486.0	-	0	4	9	· ~
Haywood	102	409.8	334.5	23	6	52	59	16	79	394.0	301.0	20	9	16	26	=
Jackson	101	581.4	503.0	11	15	15	23	37	78	644.0	652.0	12	2	Ξ	13	37
Macon	70	483.6	262.0	16	10	15	18	11	36	376.2	283.5	=======================================	2	2	6	9
Swain	28	515.0	390.5	2	2	7	9	∞	33	412.7	224.0	9	00	7	m	6
District Totals	347	481.1	359.0	61	42	73	94	77	294	473.5	349.0	58	33	29	73	71
State Totals	14,635	351.5	164.0	3,011	2,491	3,707	3,824	1,602	14,677	400.0	302.0	3,028	1,997	3,529	3,864	2,259

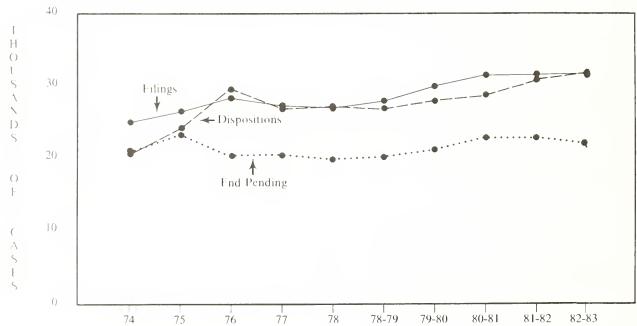
#### CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

#### 1974-83

### ESTATE CASES



#### SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASES



During 1982-83, estate caseloads continued the established increasing trend of the past. Special proceedings filings increased by only .5% over 1981-82 filings; dispositions increased by 4.0% during the year and exceeded

filings for the first time since 1978. This difference is reflected in the decrease in pending cases at the end of the 1982-83 year.

## CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

	Estates						Special Proceedings						
District 1	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	
District 1 Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	40 184 111 493 60 247 163	61 116 99 166 77 240 74	101 300 210 659 137 487 237	59 102 88 111 56 225 68	58.4 34.0 41.9 16.8 40.8 46.2 28.6	42 198 122 548 81 262 169	19 97 52 112 17 85 39	20 60 77 104 26 116 36	39 157 129 216 43 201 75	23 60 67 92 32 114 31	58.9 38.2 51.9 42.5 74.4 56.7 41.3	16 97 62 124 11 87 44	
District Totals	1,298	833	2,131	709	33.2	1,422	421	439	860	419	48.7	441	
District 2 Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington District Totals	453 58 245 37 133 926	415 128 199 26 88	868 186 444 63 221	542 122 161 31 112	62.4 65.5 36.2 49.2 50.6	326 64 283 32 109 814	372 34 111 10 67 594	164 47 127 15 84	536 81 238 25 151	143 35 93 14 82 367	26.6 43.2 39.0 56.0 54.3	393 46 145 11 69	
District 3													
Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	388 490 83 628	326 372 88 599	714 862 171 1,227	324 390 69 554	45.3 45.2 40.3 45.1	390 472 102 673	125 167 53 141	171 281 36 514	296 448 89 655	165 251 59 488	55.7 56.0 66.2 74.5	131 197 30 167	
District Totals	1,589	1,385	2,974	1,337	44.9	1,637	486	1,002	1,488	963	64.7	525	
District 4 Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson District Totals	464 70 467 453 1,454	359 102 294 375 1,130	823 172 761 828 2,584	310 79 280 335 1,004	37.6 45.9 36.7 40.4 38.8	513 93 481 493	425 70 382 149	260 45 510 274 1,089	685 115 892 423 2,115	328 42 576 224 1,170	47.8 36.5 64.5 52.9	357 73 316 199 945	
District 5													
New Hanover Pender	1,270 201	731 171	2,001 372	739 144	36.9 38.7	1,262 228	213 117	769 104	982 221	715 91	72.8 41.1	267 130	
District Totals	1,471	902	2,373	883	37.2	1,490	330	873	1,203	806	66.9	397	
District 6  Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton District Totals	185 615 174 182	136 398 172 172	321 1,013 346 354 2,034	129 318 163 180 790	40.1 31.3 47.1 50.8 38.8	192 695 183 174	79 478 91 75 723	73 296 95 105 569	152 774 186 180	69 337 90 114 610	45.3 43.5 48.3 63.3	83 437 96 66	
District 7	-,		-,			-,			-,				
Edgecombe Nash Wilson District Totals	407 553 651 1,611	473 387 456 1,316	880 940 1,107 2,927	503 409 395 1,307	57.1 43.5 35.6 44.6	377 531 712 1,620	221 228 348 797	255 297 307 859	476 525 655 1,656	230 226 266 722	48.3 43.0 40.6 43.5	246 299 389 934	
District 8	1,011	1,510	2,921	1,307	44.0	1,020	737	039	1,030	722	43.3	934	
Greene Lenoir Wayne	117 365 948	153 494 679	270 859 1,627	171 464 623	63.3 54.0 38.2	99 395 1,004	70 242 462	73 457 756	143 699 1,218	77 532 828	53.8 76.1 67.9	66 167 390	
District Totals	1,430	1,326	2,756	1,258	45.6	1,498	774	1,286	2,060	1,437	69.7	623	
District 9 Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren	400 234 242 367 224	178 235 219 268 164	578 469 461 635 388	185 230 236 254 194	32.0 49.0 51.1 40.0 50.0	393 239 225 381 194	230 48 92 151 78	157 354 144 141 96	387 402 236 292 174	182 346 132 141 93	47.0 86.0 55.9 48.2 53.4	205 56 104 151 81	
District Totals	1,467	1,064	2,531	1,099	43.4	1,432	599	892	1,491	894	59.9	597	

## CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

			Est		Special Proceedings							
District 10	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Wake	3,104	1,473	4,577	1,248	27.2	3,329	1,159	1,386	2,545	1,317	51.7	1,228
District 11												
Harnett Johnston Lee	525 681 477	427 495 219	952 1,176 696	426 698 213	44.7 59.3 30.6	526 478 483	252 150 329	245 550 183	497 700 512	263 537 190	52.9 76.7 37.1	234 163 322
District Totals	1,683	1,141	2,824	1,337	47.3	1,487	731	978	1,709	990	57.9	719
District 12												
Cumberland Hoke	761 112	813 82	1,574 194	760 99	48.2 51.0	814 95	507 61	1,193 87	1,700 148	1,116 87	65.6 58.7	584 61
District Totals	873	895	1,768	859	48.5	909	568	1,280	1,848	1,203	65.0	645
District 13												
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	131 310 388	137 305 327	268 615 715	130 223 306	48.5 36.2 42.7	138 392 409	57 186 444	211 246 251	268 432 695	209 248 221	77.9 57.4 31.7	59 184 474
District Totals	829	769	1,598	659	41.2	939	687	708	1,395	678	48.6	717
District 14												
Durham	1,623	1,108	2,731	1,024	37.4	1,707	229	1,070	1,299	1,017	78.2	282
District 15A												
Alamance	674	701	1,375	652	47.4	723	210	511	721	497	68.9	224
District 15B												
Chatham	331	235	566	252	44.5	314	130	148	278	119	42.8	159
Orange District Totals	779 1,110	458 693	1,237	346 598	27.9	891	496 626	586	1,082	480 599	44.3	602 761
	1,110	093	1,803	330	33.1	1,205	020	734	1,360	399	44.0	701
District 16 Robeson	499	620	1,119	544	48.6	575	227	472	699	402	57.5	297
Scotland	292	199	491	236	48.0	255	165	142	307	116	37.7	191
District Totals	791	819	1,610	780	48.4	830	392	614	1,006	518	51.4	488
District 17A												
Caswell Rockingham	142 758	131 770	273 1,528	131 594	47.9 38.8	142 934	117 535	85 375	202 910	144 512	71.2 56.2	58 398
District Totals	900	901	1,801	725	40.2	1,076	652	460	1,112	656	58.9	456
District 17B												
Stokes	208	203	411	201	48.9	210	55	167	222	152	68.4	70
Surry	527	429	956	497	51.9	459	165	390	555	386	69.5	169
District Totals	735	632	1,367	698	51.0	669	220	557	777	538	69.2	239
District 18											70.0	
Guilford	2,978	2,195	5,173	2,125	41.0	3,048	928	1,915	2,843	2,070	72.8	773
District 19A											50.4	050
Cabarrus Powan	814 1,035	617 811	1,431 1,846	633 893	44.2 48.3	798 953	265 338	408 898	673 1,236	420 964	62.4 77.9	253 272
District Totals	1,849	1,428	3,277	1,526	46.5	1,751	603	1,306	1,909	1,384	72.4	525
District 19B												
Montgomery	166	178	344	172	50.0	172	216	190	406	285	70.1	121
Pandolph Distaict Totals	569	643	1,212	644	53.1	568	214	367 557	581	450 735	77.4 74.4	131 252
District Totals	735	821	1,556	816	52.4	740	4 30	557	987	/ 35	14.4	252

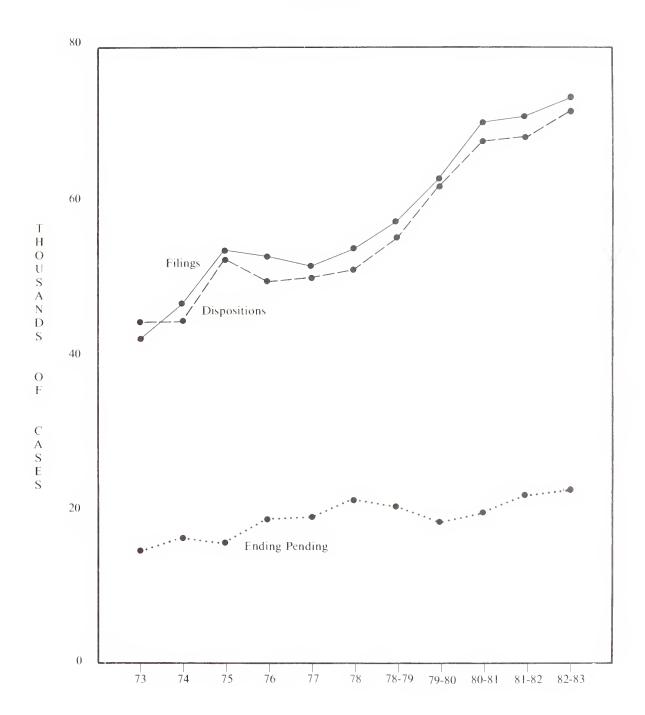
## CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

			Est	ates					Special Pro	oceedings		
District 20	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	446 835 805 1,097 604	137 492 293 364 364	583 1,327 1,098 1,461 968	107 579 445 607 566	18.3 43.6 40.5 41.5 58.4	476 748 653 854 402	143 155 411 284 309	82 250 169 192 266	225 405 580 476 575	88 281 274 170 462	39.1 69.3 47.2 35.7 80.3	137 124 306 306 113
District Totals	3,787	1,650	5,437	2,304	42.3	3,133	1,302	959	2,261	1,275	56.3	986
District 21 Forsyth	2,031	1,572	3,603	1,580	43.8	2,023	252	1,324	1,576	1,275	80.9	301
District 22												
Alexander Davidson Davie 1redell	120 743 142 676	145 704 143 631	265 1,447 285 1,307	128 672 145 589	48.3 46.4 50.8 45.0	137 775 140 718	34 238 96 160	158 412 147 413	192 650 243 573	149 477 149 382	77.6 73.3 61.3 66.6	43 173 94 191
District Totals	1,681	1,623	3,304	1,534	46.4	1,770	528	1,130	1,658	1,157	69.7	501
District 23 Alleghany Ashe	93 165	73 153	166 318	73 156	43.9 49.0	93 162	16 48	56 120	72 168	51 85	70.8 50.5	21 83
Wilkes Yadkin District Totals	334 246 838	279 210 715	613 456 1,553	243 177 649	39.6 38.8 41.7	370 279 904	406 80 550	387 137 700	793 217 1,250	487 142 765	61.4 65.4 61.2	306 75 485
District 24	030	/13	1,333	049	71.7	304	330	700	1,200	, 00	01.1	100
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga	128 170 418 245	79 87 124 157	207 257 542 402	81 101 77 128	39.1 39.2 14.2 31.8	126 156 465 274	62 73 55 148	107 53 85 171	169 126 140 319	93 65 77 173	55.0 51.5 55.0 54.2	76 61 63 146
Yancey District Totals	151 1,112	110 557	261 1,669	71 458	27.2 27.4	190 1,211	67 405	46 462	113 867	22 430	19.4 49.5	91 437
District 25	-,		_,			-,						
Burke Caldwell Catawba	716 612 1,115	430 393 659	1,146 1,005 1,774	397 388 600	34.6 38.6 33.8	749 617 1,174	182 295 329	486 385 443	668 680 772	481 506 565	72.0 74.4 73.1	187 174 207
District Totals	2,443	1,482	3,925	1,385	35.2	2,540	806	1,314	2,120	1,552	73.2	568
District 26 Mecklenburg	3,469	2,658	6,127	2,643	43.1	3,484	1,777	2,202	3,979	1,907	47.9	2,072
District 27A												
Gaston	1,495	1,022	2,517	932	37.0	1,585	767	753	1,520	763	50.1	757
District 27B Cleveland Lincoln	567 262	552 265	1,119 527	482 256	43.0 48.5	637 271	161 97	499 217	660 314	518 230	78.4 73.2	142 84
District Totals	829	817	1,646	738	44.8	908	258	716	974	748	76.7	226
District 28 Buncombe	1,996	1,259	3,255	1,178	36.1	2,077	795	980	1,775	888	50.0	887
District 29												
Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford	665 317 217 422	548 220 166 446	1,213 537 383 868	521 167 163 397	42.9 31.0 42.5 45.7	692 370 220 471	142 236 29 300	267 165 74 294	409 401 103 594	251 241 79 254	61.3 60.0 76.6 42.7	158 160 24 340
Transylvania	446	200	646	155	23.9	491	252	113	365	72	19.7	293
District Totals	2,067	1,580	3,647	1,403	38.4	2,244	959	913	1,872	897	47.9	975

## CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

			Est	tates					Special Pro	oceedings		
District 30	Pending 7/1 82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Cherckee	360	160	520	92	17.6	428	76	106	182	60	32.9	122
Clay	44	45	89	33	37.0	56	15	53	68	39	57.3	29
Graham	73	41	114	52	45.6	62	25	46	71	59	83.0	12
-aywood	420	357	777	332	42.7	445	183	232	415	249	60.0	166
Jackson	361	139	500	175	35.0	325	159	124	283	91	32.1	192
Macon	399	182	581	142	24.4	439	284	234	518	208	40.1	310
Swain	143	63	206	78	37.8	128	54	65	119	50	42.0	69
District Totals	1,800	987	2,787	904	32.4	1,883	796	860	1,656	756	45.6	900
State Totals	53,834	39,188	93,022	38,110	40.9	54,912	22,380	31,835	54,215	32,003	59.0	22,212

## CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1973-1983



Criminal superior case filings increased by 2.8% during 1982-83, with an increase in dispositions of 4.4%. Trends among criminal cases in the superior courts are deter-

mined largely by felony cases, which substantially outnumber misdemeanor cases appealed to superior court.

			Felo	onies					Misdem	eanors		
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1					07.0		10	6.2	00	45	Γ4.0	27
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare	8 26 22 28	23 81 39 128	31 107 61 156	27 79 52 118	87.0 73.8 85.2 75.6	4 28 9 38	19 48 31 98	63 199 235 259	82 247 266 357	45 215 235 266	54.8 87.0 88.3 74.5	37 32 31 91
Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	17 58 9	17 173 57	34 231 66	30 189 60	88.2 81.8 90.9	4 42 6	12 85 17	42 559 78	54 644 95	43 575 73	79.6 89.2 76.8	11 69 22
District Totals	168	518	686	555	80.9	131	310	1,435	1,745	1,452	83.2	293
District 2												
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington	86 7 60 22 54	433 101 129 25 100	519 108 189 47 154	374 56 155 47 134	72.0 51.8 82.0 100.0 87.0	145 52 34 0 20	83 34 65 23 20	261 45 112 69 59	344 79 177 92 79	247 46 164 70 62	71.8 58.2 92.6 76.0 78.4	97 33 13 22 17
District Totals	229	788	1,017	766	75.3	251	225	546	771	589	76.3	182
District 3												
Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	92 205 34 212	269 481 41 720	361 686 75 932	306 611 57 750	84.7 89.0 76.0 80.4	55 75 18 182	11 62 6 136	105 214 29 487	116 276 35 623	92 240 26 504	79.3 86.9 74.2 80.8	24 36 9 119
District Totals	543	1,511	2,054	1,724	83.9	330	215	835	1,050	862	82.0	188
District 4												
Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	45 3 258 124	377 44 1,243 395	422 47 1,501 519	346 38 1,165 428	81.9 80.8 77.6 82.4	76 9 336 91	1 3 28 6	27 6 89 96	28 9 117 102	21 9 85 93	75.0 100.0 72.6 91.1	7 0 32 9
District Totals	430	2,059	2,489	1,977	79.4	512	38	218	256	208	81.2	48
District 5												
New Hanover Pender	356 65	1,481 96	1,837 161	1,520 125	82.7 77.6	317 36	189 36	695 95	884 131	825 91	93.3 69.4	59 40
District Totals	421	1,577	1,998	1,645	82.3	353	225	790	1,015	916	90.2	99
District 6												
Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton	57 112 44 16	105 439 195 83	162 551 239 99	136 454 201 74	83.9 82.3 84.1 74.7	26 97 38 25	34 90 44 19	63 236 85 40	97 326 129 59	78 223 110 39	80.4 68.4 85.2 66.1	19 103 19 20
District Totals	229	822	1,051	865	82.3	186	187	424	611	450	73.6	101
District 7								050	204	260	00.4	2.4
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	42 117 129	312 456 586	354 573 715	298 497 599	84.1 86.7 83.7	56 76 116	42 66 96	252 301 335	294 367 431	260 290 374	88.4 79.0 86.7	34 77 57
District Totals	288	1,354	1,642	1,394	84.8	248	204	888	1,092	924	84.6	168
District 8												
Greene	47	136	183	166	90.7	17	36	61	97	89	91.7 84.7	8 90
Lenoir Wayne	88 224	278 543	366 767	307 640	83.8 83.4	59 127	169 113	423 369	592 482	502 395	81.9	87
District Totals	359	957	1,316	1,113	84.5	203	318	853	1,171	986	84.2	185
District 9												
Franklin Granville Person Vance	28 62 81 149	166 222 252 235	194 284 333 384	147 203 288 272	75.7 71.4 86.4 70.8	47 81 45 112	44 76 119 154	311 168 195 231	355 244 314 385	304 173 265 303	85.6 70.9 84.3 78.7	51 71 49 82
Harren	12	75	87	42	48.2	45	24	113	137	76 1 121	55.4 78.1	61 314
District Totals	332	950	1,282	952	74.2	330	417	1,018	1,435	1,121	70.1	314

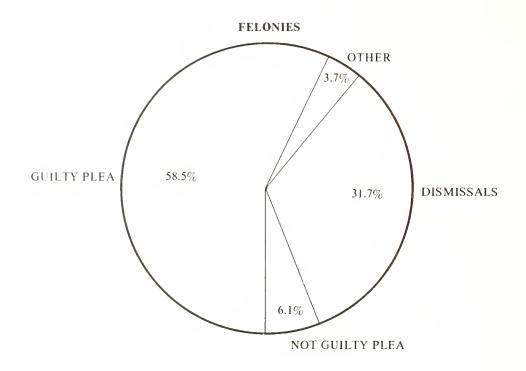
			Feld	onies					Misdem	eanors		
District 10	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Wake	1,223	3,263	4,486	2,882	64.2	1,604	459	2,249	2,708	2,055	75.8	653
District 11												
Harnett Johnston Lee	35 37 144	308 306 344	343 343 488	276 303 427	80.4 88.3 87.5	67 40 61	14 40 37	80 225 182	94 265 219	81 209 192	86.1 78.8 87.6	13 56 27
District Totals	216	958	1,174	1,006	85.6	168	91	487	578	482	83.3	96
District 12 Cumberland Hoke	384 28	1,688 151	2,072 179	1,615 165	77.9 92.1	457 14	67 19	697 54	764 73	607 63	79.4 86.3	157 10
District Totals	412	1,839	2,251	1,780	79.0	471	86	751	837	670	80.0	167
District 13 Bladen 8runswick	83 163	151 223	234 386	170 221	72.6 57.2	64 165	46 50	116 132	162 182	104 132	64.1	58 50
Columbus District Totals	85 331	258 632	343 963	173 564	50.4 58.5	170 399	66 162	372 620	438 782	321 557	73.2 71.2	117 225
District 14 Durham	322	1,512	1,834	1,355	73.8	479	118	380	498	358	71.8	140
<u>District 15A</u> Alamance	234	805	1,039	770	74.1	269	198	465	663	544	82.0	119
District 15B Chatham Orange District Totals	50 63 113	102 479 581	152 542 694	138 496 634	90.7 91.5 91.3	14 46 60	7 12 19	34 82 116	41 94 135	38 80 118	92.6 85.1 87.4	3 14 17
	113	361	094	034	91.3	00	19	110	133	110	07.4	17
District 16 Robeson Scotland	221 141	1,119 229	1,340 370	1,001 188	74.7 50.8	339 182	65 97	528 187	593 284	426 91	71.8 32.0	167 193
District Totals	362	1,348	1,710	1,189	69.5	521	162	715	877	517	58.9	360
District 17A Caswell Rockingham District Totals	45 135 180	69 846 915	114 981 1,095	113 816 929	99.1 83.1 84.8	1 165 166	14 115 129	73 664. 737	87 779 866	80 604 684	91.9 77.5 78.9	7 175 182
District 17B												
Stokes Surry	38 270 308	186 439	224 709 933	155 574	69.1 80.9	69 135 204	62 190 252	131 576 707	193 766 959	151 656 807	78.2 85.6 84.1	42 110 152
District Totals  District 18  Guilford	300	625	933	729	78.1	204	232	707	909	007	04.1	132
Greensboro High Point	860 262	2,362 877	3,222 1,139	2,307 806	71.6 70.7	915 333	117 86	610 290	727 376	545 283	74.9 75.2	182 93
District Totals	1,122	3,239	4,361	3,113	71.3	1,248	203	900	1,103	828	75.0	275
<u>Distfict 19A</u> Cabarrus Rowan	126 112	704 635	830 747	557 608	67.1 81.3	273 139	231 104	731 579	962 683	671 549	69.7 80.3	291 134
District Totals	238	1,339	1,577	1,165	73.8	412	335	1,310	1,645	1,220	74.1	425
District 19B Montgomery	51	188	239	159	66.5	80	94	242	336	221	65.7	115
Randolph District Totals	211 262	616 804	827 1,066	481 640	58.1 60.0	346 426	156 250	655 897	811 1,147	541 762	66.7 66.4	270 385

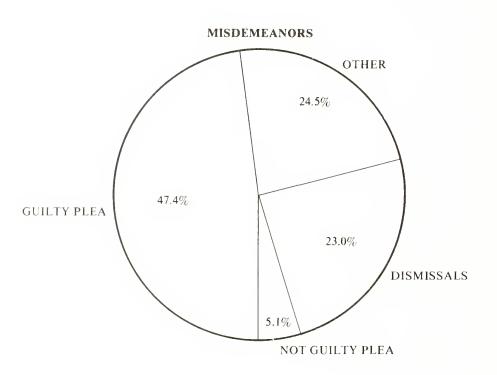
			Felo	onies					Misdem	eanors		
Oistrict 20	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	19 153 105 71 114	444 412 609 361 445	463 565 714 432 559	302 473 652 339 527	65.2 83.7 91.3 78.4 94.2	161 92 62 93 32	25 60 54 93 157	248 368 403 386 625	273 428 457 479 782	231 347 375 385 737	84.6 81.0 82.0 80.3 94.2	42 81 82 94 45
Oistrict Totals	462	2,271	2,733	2,293	83.9	440	389	2,030	2,419	2,075	85.7	344
Oistrict 21 Forsyth	259	1,936	2,195	1,682	76.6	513	288	1,858	2,146	1,652	76.9	494
Oistrict 22 Alexander Oavidson Davie Iredell	55 63 21 235	65 441 52 402	120 504 73 637	112 335 62 498	93.3 66.4 84.9 78.1	8 169 11 139	20 37 35 91	135 517 94 545	155 554 129 636	141 437 100 539	90.9 78.8 77.5 84.7	14 117 29 97
Oistrict Totals	374	960	1,334	1,007	75.4	327	183	1,291	1,474	1,217	82.5	257
Oistrict 23 Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin Oistrict Totals	10 46 126 68 250	12 55 129 74 270	22 101 255 142 520	16 66 184 110 376	72.7 65.3 72.1 77.4 72.3	6 35 71 32	12 41 153 54 260	35 99 415 119 668	47 140 568 173 928	43 83 417 127 670	91.4 59.2 73.4 73.4 72.1	4 57 151 46 258
Oistrict 24												
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey	79 18 31 108 24	68 54 42 220 29	147 72 73 328 53	100 32 44 264 45	68.0 44.4 60.2 80.4 84.9	47 40 29 64	15 14 5 17 16	14 16 20 26 14	29 30 25 43 30	21 20 20 37 21	72.4 66.6 80.0 86.0 70.0	8 10 5 6 9
Oistrict Totals	260	413	673	485	72.0	188	67	90	157	119	75.7	38
Oistrict 25 Burke Caldwell Catawba	117 112 200	406 562 802	523 674 1,002	28 <b>1</b> 504 757	53.7 74.7 75.5	242 170 245	54 38 98	241 298 500	295 336 598	204 278 465	69.1 82.7 77.7	91 58 133
Oistrict Totals	429	1,770	2,199	1,542	70.1	657	190	1,039	1,229	947	77.0	282
Oistrict 26 Mecklenburg	1,032	2,753	3,785	2,477	65.4	1,308	198	935	1,133	768	67.7	365
District 27A	200	1 100	1 501	1 045	81.3	286	120	838	958	829	86.5	129
Gaston	332	1,199	1,531	1,245	01.3	200	120	030	230	023	00.0	123
Oistrict 278 Cleveland Lincoln	132 15	563 162	695 177	627 135	90.2 76.2	68 42	41 9	118 151	159 160	125 141	78.6 88.1	34 19
District Totals	147	725	872	762	87.3	110	50	269	319	266	83.3	53
District 28 Buncombe	600	1,138	1,738	1,424	81.9	314	114	372	486	409	84.1	77
District 29					00. 1	70	27	0.1	120	98	76.5	30
Penderson McDowell Polk Putherford	161 53 48 230	236 176 57 503	397 229 105 733	318 166 63 497	80.1 72.4 60.0 67.8	79 63 42 236	37 13 16 72	91 231 29 208	128 244 45 280	225 20 206	76.5 92.2 44.4 73.5 58.3	19 25 74 30
Transylvania	106	1 0/1	175 1,639	98 1,142	56.0 69.6	77 497	29 167	43 602	72 769	42 591	58.3 76.8	178
District Totals	598	1,041	1,039	1,142	09.0	777	107	302	, , , ,			-

			Fel	onies					Misden	eanors		
District 30	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Cherokee	20	90	110	61	55.4	49	31	92	123	85	69.1	38
Clay	19	10	29	23	79.3	6	8	19	27	16	59.2	11
Graham	28	66	94	64	68.0	30	13	25	38	25	65.7	13
Haywood	144	356	500	353	70.6	147	69	262	331	236	71.2	95
Jackson	44	208	252	183	72.6	69	39	86	125	92	73.6	33
Macon	48	82	130	71	54.6	59	28	37	65	31	47.6	34
Swain	12	24	36	29	80.5	7	7	32	39	16	41.0	23
District Totals	315	836	1,151	784	68.1	367	195	553	748	501	66.9	247
State Totals	13,380	43,708	57,088	42,966	75.2	14,122	6,824	27,886	34,710	27,154	78.2	7,556

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES







Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals and

cases dismissed by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

			Felo	nies					Misdem	eanors		
Oistrict 1	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
Camden Chowan Currituck	27 79 52	18 60 35	2 0 6	7 18 9	0 0 0	0 1 2	45 215 235	30 111 204	0 7 6	5 16 22	0 0 0	10 81 3
Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	118 30 189 60	74 23 119 28	6 4 15 1	36 3 50 25	0 0 0 0	2 0 5 6	266 43 575 73	149 23 197 37	13 0 7 3	36 9 86 5	0 0 0 0	68 11 285 28
Oistrict Totals	555	357	34	148	0	16	1,452	751	36	179	0	486
0istrict 2												
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington	374 56 155 47 134	232 22 112 28 74	46 1 19 2 32	53 22 16 15 21	2 0 0 0 0	41 11 8 2 7	247 46 164 70 62	174 9 88 31 13	37 11 19 10 19	26 8 32 14 13	2 0 0 0	8 18 25 15 17
District Totals	766	468	100	127	2	69	589	315	96	93	2	83
Oistrict 3												
Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	306 611 57 750	126 336 26 439	13 24 2 63	161 237 29 227	0 1 0 0	6 13 0 21	92 240 26 504	33 121 21 188	5 20 2 36	37 91 2 136	0 0 0 0	17 8 1 144
Oistrict Totals	1,724	927	102	654	1	40	862	363	63	266	0	170
Oistrict 4												
Ouplin Jones Onslow Sampson	346 38 1,165 428	216 18 625 209	35 10 70 55	85 8 441 147	0 0 0 0	10 2 29 17	21 9 85 93	10 3 25 74	2 3 12 8	3 0 14 6	0 0 0 0	6 3 .34 5
Oistrict Totals	1,977	1,068	170	681	0	58	208	112	25	23	0	48
0istrict 5												
New Hanover Pender	1,520 125	939 74	100 7	443 41	1	37 3	825 91	500 47	43 7	165 15	0	117 22
Oistrict Totals	1,645	1,013	107	484	1	40	916	547	50	180	0	139
Oistrict 6												
Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton	136 454 201 74	55 185 91 32	11 29 16 9	55 216 93 25	2 0 0 0	13 24 1 8	78 223 110 39	46 91 44 13	6 • 12 9 1	20 81 31 15	0 0 6 0	6 39 20 10
Oistrict Totals	865	363	65	389	2	46	450	194	28	147	6	75
Oistrict 7												
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	298 497 599	178 298 366	10 18 29	88 176 182	0 1 0	22 4 22	260 290 374	124 148 218	7 19 20	79 82 94	0 0 0	50 41 42
Oistrict Totals	1,394	842	57	446	1	48	924	490	46	255	0	133
0istrict 8												
Greene Lenoir Wayne	166 307 640	123 149 287	3 42 66	36 99 281	0 0 0	4 17 6	89 502 395	41 211 203	8 34 26	31 139 109	0 0 0	9 118 57
Oistrict Totals	1,113	559	111	416	0	27	986	455	68	279	0	184

			Felo	onies					Misdemo	eanors		
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 9							-			•		
Franklin Granville Person Wance Warren	147 203 288 272 42	93 124 162 127 19	6 14 17 14 3	37 62 105 119 13	0 0 1 0 0	11 3 3 12 7	304 173 265 303 76	155 106 112 153 32	10 6 14 3 4	124 42 95 106 34	0 0 5 0	15 19 39 41 6
District Totals	952	525	54	336	1	36	1,121	558	37	401	5	120
District 10												
Wake	2,882	1,389	119	1,295	5	74	2,055	746	64	614	0	631
District 11												
Harnett Johnston Lee	276 303 427	192 185 317	27 17 10	54 82 83	0 0 0	3 19 17	81 209 192	35 101 100	4 7 5	30 44 43	0 0 0	12 57 44
District Totals	1,006	694	54	219	0	39	482	236	16	117	0	113
District 12												
Cumberland Hoke	1,615 165	1,129 83	97 11	345 41	0	44 30	607 63	294 35	35 2	152 21	0	126 5
District Totals	1,780	1,212	108	386	0	74	670	329	37	173	0	131
District 13												
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	170 221 173	120 101 118	11 18 13	29 100 33	0 0 0	10 2 9	104 132 321	50 77 152	2 3 21	35 44 62	0 0 0	17 8 86
District Totals	564	339	42	162	0	21	557	279	26	141	0	111
District 14												
Durham	1,355	757	69	512	0	17	358	154	15	114	0	75
District 15A												
Alamance	770	455	57	247	1	10	544	249	40	139	0	116
District 15B												
Chatham Orange	138 496	94 274	12 22	26 190	0	6 10	38 80	17 27	4 5	9 20	0	8 28
District Totals	634	368	34	216	0	16	118	44	9	29	0	36
District 16												
Pobeson	1,001	786	95	89	3	28	426	170	38 2	33 9	3 0	182 20
Scotland District Totals	188 1,189	143 929	14 109	24 113	0 3	7 35	91 517	60 230	40	42	3	202
	1,103	323	103	113	5	33	017	200				
District 17A Caswell	113	81	4	22	0	6	80	46	3	12	0	19
Pockingham	816	627	24	159	1	5	604	361	17	95	0	131
District Totals	929	708	28	181	1	11	684	407	20	107	0	150
District 17B												
Stokes Surry	155 574	100 420	34 4	13 117	1 0	7 33	151 656	55 361	39 7	21 68	3 0	33 220
District Totals	729	520	38	130	1	40	807	416	46	89	3	253
District 18 Sui ford												
Greensboro	2,307	1,527	92	622	2	64	545	157	12 9	186 81	0	190 62
-igh Point	806 2 112	487	23	252 874	0	44 108	283 828	131 288	21	267	0	252
District Totals	3,113	2,014	115	8/4	۷	100	020	200	C 1	207	Ü	202

			Felo	nies					Misdem	eanors		
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Gullty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 19A	•	, ,								•		
Cabarrus Rowan	557 608	312 389	29 27	198 159	0	18 33	671 549	323 288	20 19	115 85	0	213 157
District Totals	1,165	701	56	357	0	51	1,220	611	39	200	0	370
District 19B												
Montgomery Randolph	159 481	85 292	9 25	49 131	0 0	16 33	221 541	97 233	10 14	61 78	0	53 216
District Totals	640	377	34	180	0	49	762	330	24	139	0	269
District 20												
Anson Moore	302 473	161 263	4 8	120 185	0 0	17 17	231 347	125 148	4 2	60 102	0 0	42 95
Richmond	652	261	15	361	0	15	375	150	5	159	0	61
Stanly Union	339 527	179 293	7 26	137 194	0 0	16 14	385 737	229 383	7 22	96 169	0 0	53 163
District Totals	2,293	1,157	60	997	0	79	2,075	1,035	40	586	0	414
District 21												
Forsyth	1,682	1,248	138	264	0	32	1,652	922	58	300	0	372
District 22												
Alexander Davidson	112 335	74 205	7 20	24 39	0 0	7 71	141 437	62 <b>1</b> 46	4 19	16 79	0	59 193
Davie	62	47	4	6	0	5	100	30	4 22	27 73	0	39
Iredell District Totals	498 1,007	265 591	66 97	138 207	0	29 112	539 1,217	260 498	49	195	0	184 475
District 23												
Alleghany	16	10	2	4	0	0	43	29	2	10	0	2
Ashe Wilkes	66 184	29 <b>11</b> 7	6 11	22 34	0 0	9 22	83 417	43 204	4 20	21 56	0 0	15 137
Yadkin	110	78	4	20	0	8	127	64	2	19	0	42
District Totals	376	234	23	80	0	39	670	340	28	106	0	196
District 24												
Avery Madison	100 32	37 9	2 5	58 <b>1</b> 7	0 0	3 1	21 20	13 4	1 3	7 11	0	0 2
Mitchell	44	16	0	27	0	1	20	9	1	2 10	0	8
Watauga Yancey	264 45	125 24	44 3	84 17	0 0	11 1	37 21	13 10	2	8	0	1
District Totals	485	211	54	203	0	17	119	49	13	38	0	19
District 25												
Burke Caldwell	281 504	156 193	19 16	101 279	2 0	3 16	204 278	73 121	12 14	55 89	1 0	63 54
Catawba	757	407	52	270	2	26	465	195	47	90	Ö	133
District Totals	1,542	756	87	650	4	45	947	389	73	234	1	250
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	2,477	1,205	150	1,034	26	62	768	330	73	214	0	151
District 27A	4 045		100	45-	0.0		000	215	0.0	170	0	0.47
Gaston	1,245	619	108	457	20	41	829	315	89	178	0	247
District 27B	607	200	22	265	0	17	125	54	4	40	0	27
Cleveland Lincoln	627 135	322 100	23 10	265 21	0	17 4	141	44	46	11	0	40
District Totals	762	422	33	286	0	21	266	98	50	51	0	67

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	Total Dispositions	Plea of Gullty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Gullty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 28												
Buncombe	1,424	1,028	68	240	0	88	409	204	13	59	0	133
District 29												
Henderson	318	220	18	69	0	11	98	53	2	14	0	29
McDowell	166	99	14	46	0	7	225	122	3	63	0	37
Polk	63	36	1	23	0	3	20	5	1	6	0	8
Rutherford	497	259	60	163	0	15	206	117	13	39	0	37
Transylvania	98	51	6	35	0	6	42	21	1	8	0	12
District Totals	1,142	665	99	336	0	42	591	318	20	130	0	123
District 30												
Cherokee	61	28	1	26	0	6	85	30	16	31	0	8
Clay	23	17	1	3	1	1	16	7	1	7	0	1
Graham	64	41	3	9	0	11	25	13	1	10	0	1
Haywood	353	212	21	111	0	9	236	159	7	57	0	13
Jackson	183	92	6	30	0	55	92	42	2	18	0	30
Macon	71	20	4	34	0	13	31	13	2	9	0	7
Swain	29	10	2	11	0	6	16	5	0	5	0	6
District Totals	784	420	38	224	1	101	501	269	29	137	0	66
State Totals	42,966	25,141	2,618	13,531	72	1,604	27,154	12,871	1,381	6,222	20	6,660

AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

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Median	Age	82.0	83.0	117.5	69.0	98.5	74.0	136.0	84.0 63.0		88.0	103.0	87.0	120.0	99.0 115.5	93.5 97.0		76.0	82.0	61.0	73.0	77.0
Mean	Age	118.8	99.2	129.8	120.6	146.4	109.5	143.5 84.0	118.4 80.5		112.9	104.0	125.4	94.8	129.5 132.2	$\frac{116.6}{135.6}$		107.3	95.6	126.3	129.0	113.2 92.2
Total	Disposed	27 45	79 215	52	118	30.6	189	73	555 1,452		374	56	155	47	134	766 589		306	611	57	750 504	1,724 862
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AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

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AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

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District Totals	FEL	657 282	141.0 114.2	83.0	254 127	139 79	95 20	143 39	26 17	1,542 947	115.9 94.6	92.0 74.0	400 368	615 380	310 116	185 68	32 15
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	FEL	1,308	169.7 225.3	107.0	337 193	410 42	22 <i>7</i> 27	176 26	158 77	2,477 768	150.1 70.7	116.0 48.0	519 473	783 225	571 37	<b>46</b> 3 20	141 13
District 27A																	
Gaston	FEL	286 129	100.1	70.0 78.0	136 56	64 37	57	16 26	13 3	1,245 829	100.1 74.6	80.0 50.0	358 500	532 197	250 62	90 57	15 13
District 278																	
Cleveland	FEL	94	83.7	35.5	40	18	4 -	2	4 4	627	96.0	83.0	253	208	108	49	9
Lincoln	FEL	42	98.9 91.3	81.5 92.0	14 6	17 8	4 22 4	1 6	-00	135 141	81.6	54.0 57.0	71 73	44	50 20	14 1	000
District Totals	FEL	110 53	89.5	66.0 37.0	54 33	35 9	92	8 2	4 4	762 266	93.4	77.0	324 116	252 93	114 49	63	62
District 28																	
Buncombe	FEL MIS	314	142.3	76.0	138 34	73 17	22 14	47	34 9	1,424	116.0 79.5	98.0 63.0	262 191	673 112	289 85	183 18	17
District 29																	
Henderson	FEL	30	233.0	84.0	29	13	17	2	18	318 98	179.1	129.0	46 25	3 88	63	92	19
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Rutherford	FEL MIN	236	107.1	30.0	169 35	1 / 6	16 1	22	22	497	160.6	144.0	96	136	117	95 67	53 18
Transylvania	FEL	30	589.2 576.7	576.0 264.0	8 2 2	12 4	23 6	25	45 12	98	306.2	177.5 124.5	24 3	16 16	900	15 9	34
District Totals	FEL	497 178	232.5 240.8	84.0 98.0	216 61	72 44	58 19	44	107 27	1,142	174.0 138.3	123.0 100.0	248 177	315 188	214 73	239 124	126 29

AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

						Ages of P	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	tes (Days)					V	ges of Casa	es at Dispo	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	s)
		Total	Mean	Median						Total		Median					
District 30		Pending	Age	Age	09-0	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Disposed	Age	Age	09-0	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
Cherokee	FEL	49	68.0	58.0	37	-	6	2	0	61	177.7	119.0	17	19	5	14	9
	MIS	38	141.3	58.0	20	2	Ø	2	5	85	251.1	182.0	2	14	20	31	18
Clay	FEL	9	226.3	225.0	7	0	0	4	1	23	296.3	271.0	3	0	2	10	2
,	MIS	11	74.6	44.0	7	2	0	2	0	16	278.4	249.5	4	2	-	3	9
Graham	FEL	30	167.6	115.0	4	16	5	1	4	64	140.5	0.66	29	00	9	10	11
	MIS	13	243.2	276.0	2	0	1	4	3	25	241.9	123.0	7	2	2	3	00
Haywood	FEL	147	418.1	135.0	99	2	24	14	38	353	200.3	114.0	106	88	44	58	57
	MIS	95	198.8	149.0	18	10	25	33	6	236	145.0	114.5	71	62	37	20	16
Jackson	EL	69	115.9	58.0	40	6	6	9	2	183	200.1	116.0	47	46	34	28	28
	MIS	33	149.4	136.0	4	9	13	6		95	338.7	165.5	21	14	15	13	29
Macon	FEL	59	647.0	672.0	10	9	2	c	38	71	141.3	116.0	14	22	17	16	2
	MIS	34	595.5	491.0	7	m	1	4	19	31	131.5	81.0	7	13	9	ĸ	2
Swain	FEL	7	174.9	115.0	2	2	0	2	-	29	204.4	138.0	0	12	∞	4	2
	MIS	23	157.9	115.0	7	9	3	2	2	16	151.7	121.0	2	9	4	3	
Oistrict Totals	FEL	367	323.1	98.0	160	39	49	32	87	784	191.2	116.0	216	195	119	140	114
	WIS	247	231.0	142.0	89	29	52	59	39	501	207.0	129.0	114	116	85	106	80
State Totals	FEL	14,122 7,556	154.1 138.6	80.0	5,603	3,363	2,004 862	1,817 958	1,335 643	42,966 27,154	115.6 96.7	81.0 15 66.0 12	15,908 12,501	13,382 8,110	6,6643,182	5,321 2,608	1,691

## PART IV, Section 2

# District Court Division Caseflow Data

### The District Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1982-83 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses; and effective July 1, 1984, for boating, hunting and fishing offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the sentence cannot be in excess of 30 days or \$50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is \$500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and nonmotor criminal cases.

Consistent with previous years, the pie charts on the following page illustrate that district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1982-83 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted approximately fifty per cent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for about twenty-seven per cent. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported to AOC by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities are not reported to AOC by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part 111, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1983, and ages of cases disposed of during 1982-83 are reported for the general civil and domestic relations and for the criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The table for general civil and domestic relations cases shows that the median age of such cases which were pending on June 30, 1983, was 150 days, compared with a median age of 181 days for cases pending on June 30, 1982. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1982-83 was 68 days, compared with a median age of 67 days at the time of disposition during 1981-82.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1983, was 59 days compared with a median age of 51 days for cases pending on June 30, 1982. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1982-83 was 24 days compared with a median age of 22 days at the time of disposition during 1981-82.

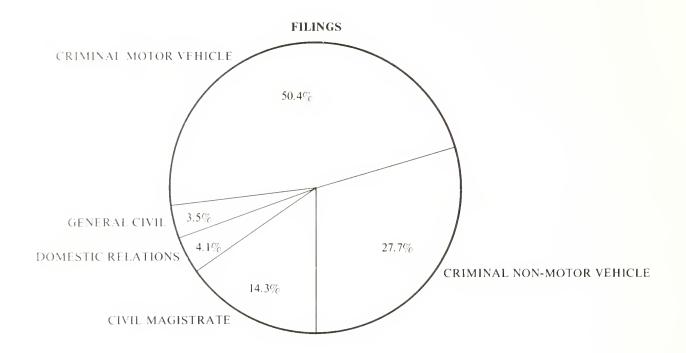
The Statewide total district court filings during 1982-83, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,445,571 cases, compared with 1,421,309 during 1981-82, an increase of 24,262 (1.7%). Most of this increase came in the motor vehicle criminal case category where filings in 1981-82 amounted to 677,247 cases compared to 728,517 cases filed in 1982-83, an increase of 51,270 (7.5%) cases. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 17,661 cases (4.2%) in the nonmotor vehicle criminal case category.

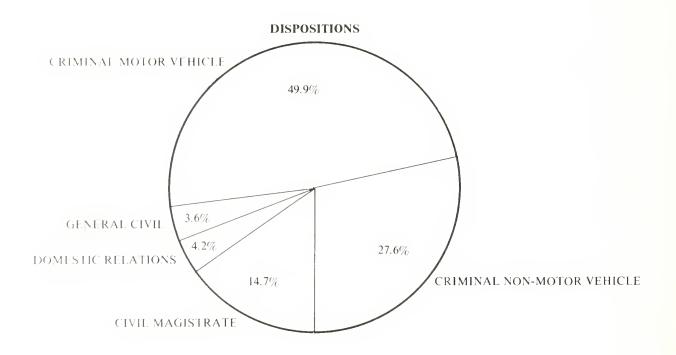
There also was a small decrease (2.9%) in district court civil case filings, from a total of 325,886 in 1981-82 to 316,539 in 1982-83. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 215,625 cases in 1981-82 to 206,163 cases in 1982-83. In the domestic relations category, there was a small increase of 248 cases in 1982-83 compared to the number in 1981-82.

The changes (either increase or decrease) from year-toyear in the individual case categories are not unusual. The over-all trend for total district court case filings over the past several years has been upward, and this upward trend is reflected in the 1982-83 district court case filings.

### FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

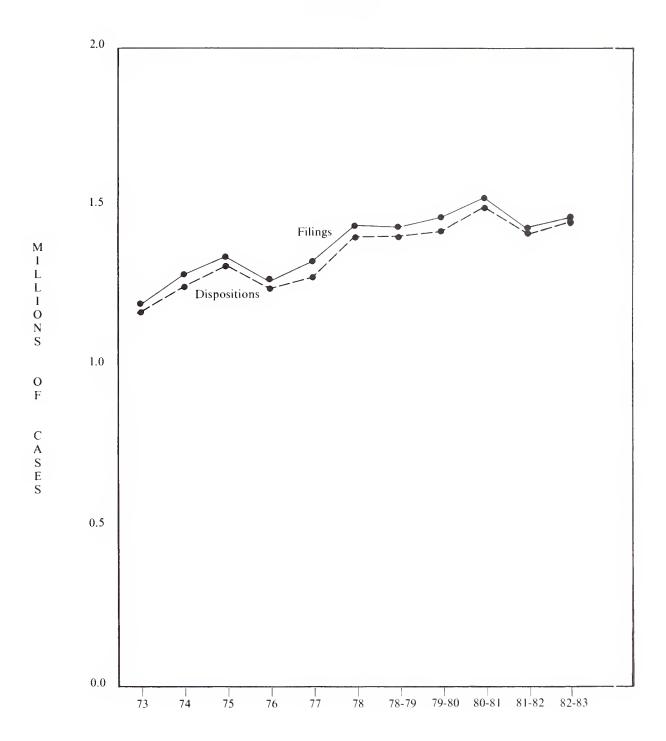
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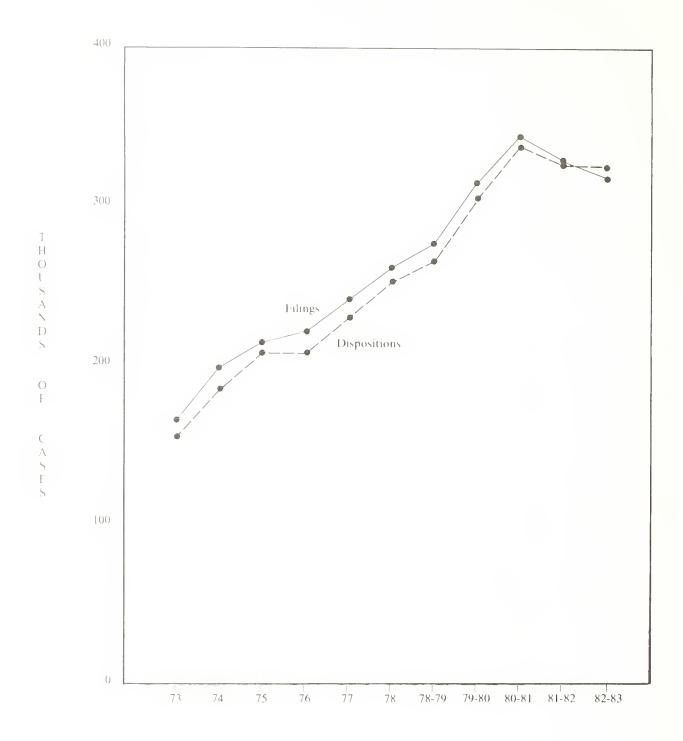
Criminal cases dominate the district court caseload; 78.1% of all district court filings and 77.5 of all district court dispositions during 1982-83 were criminal cases.

## FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS 1973-1983



Depicted in this graph are all civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases. The increase in filings and dispositions for 1982-83 is attributable to a 7.6% increase in filings and a 4.3% increase in dispositions in motor vehicle cases.

## FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CIVIL DISTRICT COURT CASES 1973-1983

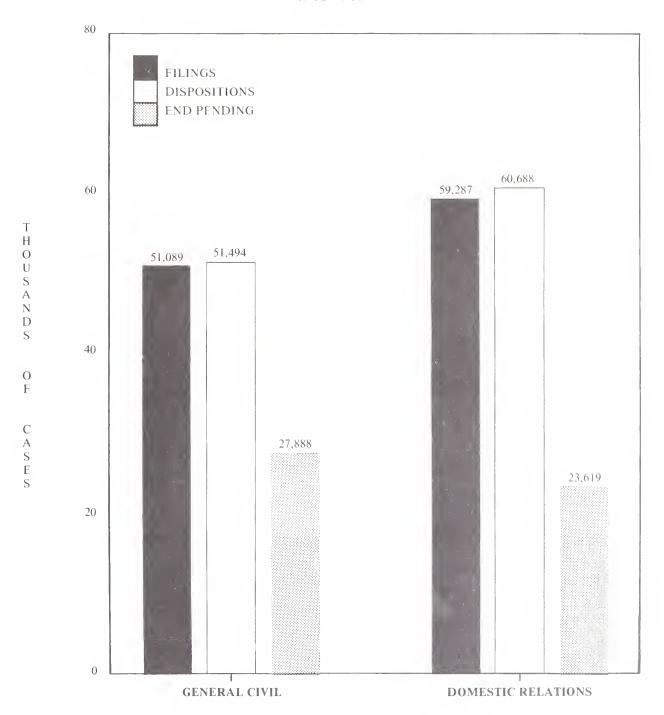


District court civil filings and dispositions have decreased for the last two years; this is in contrast to the upward trends of the past decade. During 1982-83, general civil

filings decreased by .3%, domestic relations filings increased by .4%, and civil magistrate filings decreased by 4.4%.

### GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

#### 1982-1983



Dispositions for general civil and domestic relations cases outnumbered case filings during the 1982-83 year, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases pending at

the end of the year as compared to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year.

			Filings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1						•	•	
Camden Chowan	24 75	35 294	5 180	30 114	59 369	48 216	81.4 58.5	11
Currituck	133	198	96	102	331	266	80.4	153 65
Dare	138	293	160	133	431	288	66.8	143
Gates Pasquotank	23 221	84 <b>45</b> 7	34 138	50 319	107 678	65 439	60.7 64.7	42 239
Perquimans	42	107	11	96	149	103	69.1	46
District Totals	656	1,468	624	844	2,124	1,425	67.1	699
District 2								
Beaufort	268	596	182	414	864	622	72.0	242
Hyde Martin	27 206	63 309	23 80	40 229	90 515	56 331	62.2 64.3	34 184
Tyrrell	21	45	25	20	66	40	60.6	26
Washington	75	200	50	150	275	183	66.5	92
District Totals	597	1,213	360	853	1,810	1,232	68.1	578
District 3								
Carteret	499	7 39	234	505	1,238	736	59.4	502
Craven Pamlico	808 75	1,745 130	790 32	955 98	2,553 205	1,830 126	71.7 61.5	723 79
Pitt	894	1,510	659	851	2,404	1,625	67.6	779
District Totals	2,276	4,124	1,715	2,409	6,400	4,317	67.4	2,083
District 4								
Duplin	416	508	208	300	924	588	63.6	336
Jones Onslow	73 1,005	111 1,832	52 385	59 1,447	184 2,837	103 1,655	56.0 58.3	81 1,182
Sampson	309	673	248	425	982	664	67.6	318
District Totals	1,803	3,124	893	2,231	4,927	3,010	61.1	1,917
District 5								
New Hanover Pender	1,453 169	3,967 342	2,535 101	1,432 241	5,420 511	3,341 291	61.6 56.9	2,079 220
District Totals	1,622	4,309	2,636	1,673	5,931	3,632	61.2	2,299
District 6	1,022	,,000	2,000	-,	-,	, , , , , ,		ŕ
Bertie	115	284	73	211	399	299	74.9	100
Halifax	179	759	211	548	938	769	82.0	169
Hertford Northampton	343 73	748 349	419 171	329 178	1,091 422	900 341	82.5 80.8	191 81
District Totals	710	2,140	874	1,266	2,850	2,309	81.1	541
District 7								
Edgecombe	570	1,079	300	779	1,649	1,021	61.9	628
'iash	572	1,077	416	661	1,649	888	53.8	761 693
Wilson	558	1,211	308	903	1,769	1,076	60.8	
District Totals	1,700	3,367	1,024	2,343	5,067	2,985	58.9	2,082
District 8							75.5	20
Greene	35 585	125 1,444	6 615	119 829	160 2,029	121 1,494	75.6 73.6	39 535
Lenoir Wayne	1,591	2,158	957	1,201	3,749	2,571	68.6	1,178
District Totals	2,211	3,727	1,578	2,149	5,938	4,186	70.5	1,752

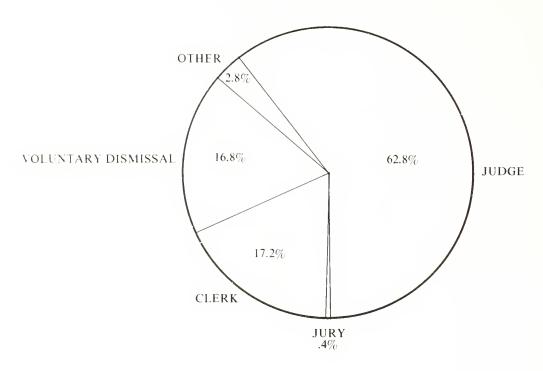
			Filings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 9 Franklin Granville Person Vance	177 143 172 335	374 354 383 651	254 127 155 136	120 227 228 515	551 497 555 986	377 342 402 775	68.4 68.8 72.4 78.6	174 155 153 211
Warren	110	259	77	182	369	297	80.5	72
District Totals	937	2,021	749	1,272	2,958	2,193	74.1	765
District 10								
Wake	4,063	7,543	4,968	2,575	11,606	7,559	65.1	4,047
District 11								
Harnett Johnston Lee	468 657 535	1,337 1,337 929	514 759 611	823 578 318	1,805 1,994 1,464	1,476 1,488 1,043	81.8 74.6 71.2	329 506 421
District Totals	1,660	3,603	1,884	1,719	5,263	4,007	76.1	1,256
District 12								
Cumberland Hoke	2,840 120	5,010 315	1,265 138	3,745 177	7,850 435	4,623 326	58.9 74.9	3,227 109
District Totals	2,960	5,325	1,403	3,922	8,285	4,949	59.7	3,336
District 13								
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	154 262 335	500 675 1,051	297 252 408	203 423 643	654 937 1,386	528 594 909	80.7 63.4 65.6	126 343 477
District Totals	751	2,226	957	1,269	2,977	2,031	68.2	946
District 14								
Durham	1,592	3,147	1,836	1,311	4,739	3,200	67.5	1,539
District 15A								
Alamance	432	1,642	613	1,029	2,074	1,654	79.7	420
District 15B								
Chatham Orange	131 702	356 870	123 524	233 346	487 1,572	319 708	65.5 45.0	168 864
District Totals	833	1,226	647	579	2,059	1,027	49.9	1,032
District 16								
Robeson Scotland	824 285	2,053 531	978 206	1,075 325	2,877 816	1,900 533	66.0 65.3	977 283
District Totals	1,109	2,584	1,184	1,400	3,693	2,433	65.9	1,260
District 17A								
Caswell Rockingham	89 369	245 1,278	55 490	190 788	334 1,647	244 1,266	73.1 76.9	90 381
District Totals	<b>4</b> 58	1,523	545	978	1,981	1,510	76.2	471
<u>District 17B</u> Stokes	133	243	68	175	376	278	73.9	98
Surry	408	1,014	563	451	1,422	1,005	70.7	417
District Totals	541	1,257	631	626	1,798	1,283	71.4	515
<u>District 18</u> Guilford	2,798	7,692	4,366	3,326	10,490	6,912	65.9	3,578

			Filings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 19A								
Cabarrus Rowan	7 34 543	1,514 1,140	626 419	888 721	2,248 1,683	1,395 1,313	62.1 78.0	853 370
District Totals	1,277	2,654	1,045	1,609	3,931	2,708	68.9	1,223
District 19B								
Montgomery Randolph	209 311	296 1,059	248 302	48 757	505 1,370	364 1,089	72.1 79.5	141 281
District Totals	520	1,355	550	805	1,875	1,453	77.5	422
District 20								
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	180 422 723 475 536	304 788 596 644 987	91 368 167 358 426	213 420 429 286 561	484 1,210 1,319 1,119 1,523	291 752 601 734 1,080	60.1 62.1 45.6 65.6 70.9	193 458 718 385 443
District Totals	2,336	3,319	1,410	1,909	5,655	3,458	61.1	2,197
District 21								
Forsyth	2,168	6,482	3,862	2,620	8,650	6,382	73.8	2,268
District 22								
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	68 429 108 489	232 1,453 252 1,227	70 537 82 640	162 916 170 587	300 1,882 360 1,716	231 1,383 156 1,190	77.0 73.5 43.3 69.3	69 499 204 526
District Totals	1,094	3,164	1,329	1,835	4,258	2,960	69.5	1,298
District 23								
Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin	38 104 362 124	131 208 1,235 327	55 77 742 128	76 131 493 199	169 312 1,597 451	116 217 1,279 333	68.6 69.5 80.1 73.8	53 95 318 118
District Totals	628	1,901	1,002	899	2,529	1,945	76.9	584
District 24								
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey	96 87 59 219 79	245 115 176 555 157	126 39 63 326 60	119 76 113 229 97	341 202 235 774 236	224 129 172 533 157	65.7 63.9 73.2 68.9 66.5	117 73 63 241 79
District Totals	540	1,248	614	634	1,788	1,215	67.9	573
District 25								
Burke Caldwell Catawba	475 670 804	1,209 1,362 2,211	545 747 1,048	664 615 1,163	1,684 2,032 3,015	1,140 1,417 2,176	67.7 69.7 72.2	544 615 839
District Totals	1,949	4,782	2,340	2,442	6,731	4,733	70.3	1,998
District 26 Mecklenburg	8,043	11,071	6,039	5,032	19,114	14,544	76.1	4,570
District 27A	3,010	11,0/1	0,700	-,002	, * * ·	_ ,		
Saston	1,124	2,401	612	1,789	3,525	2,444	69.3	1,081

			Filings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 27B	, ,	2000		***************************************	Casciona	Disposed	Disposed	0/30/63
Cleveland Lincoln	417 184	975 560	320 175	655 385	1,392 744	1,041 574	74.8 77.1	351 170
District Totals	601	1,535	495	1,040	2,136	1,615	75.6	521
District 28								
Buncombe	1,178	2,998	1,077	1,921	4,176	2,972	71.2	1,204
District 29								
Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania	566 182 40 227 188	866 457 119 572 318	158 115 55 160 81	708 342 64 412 237	1,432 639 159 799 506	786 494 105 524 336	54.9 77.3 66.0 65.6 66.4	646 145 54 275 170
District Totals	1,203	2,332	569	1,763	3,535	2,245	63.5	1,290
District 30								
Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	186 27 28 303 114 141 144 943	217 77 91 661 375 294 158	6 16 21 244 170 139 62	211 61 70 417 205 155 96	403 104 119 964 489 435 302 2,816	176 66 76 566 332 265 173	43.7 63.5 63.9 58.7 67.9 60.9 57.3	227 38 43 398 157 170 129
State Totals	53,313	110,376	51,089	59,287	163,689	112,182	68.5	51,507

### METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

#### 1982-1983



The majority of civil district cases, excluding civil magistrate cases, are disposed by judges. Only 490 jury trials

were held in district court for civil cases during the 1982-83 year.

				General C	ivll			Do	nestlc Rel	ations	
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1											
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	48 216 266 288 65 439 103	1 16 25 53 5 37 8	0 0 0 0 0 2 1	3 20 88 48 7 60 9	8 61 20 58 4 37 5	0 4 18 6 2 5	26 96 88 98 34 268 71	0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 2 0 2 1 0	5 12 20 21 8 22 7	4 7 5 4 3 7 1
District Totals	1,425	145	3	235	193	36	681	0	6	95	31
District 2											
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington District Totals	622 56 331 40 183	71 11 32 13 25	12 0 0 0 0 0	62 4 39 3 18	57 8 6 1 17 89	9 1 9 1 3	382 30 217 21 111 761	1 0 0 0 0	1 0 4 0 3	18 1 9 0 1	9 1 15 1 5
	1,232	132	12	120	0,5	23	,01	-			-
District 3 Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	736 1,830 126 1,625	91 267 14 254	2 8 1 1	46 275 10 286	91 235 11 182	4 25 8 8	437 784 59 776	0 0 0 0	1 9 1 5	39 146 17 82	25 81 5 31
District Totals	4,317	626	12	617	519	45	2,056	0	16	284	142
District 4											
Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	588 103 1,655 664	81 25 169 84	2 0 2 9	73 13 54 79	74 11 84 78	4 0 11 0	312 50 1,202 350	0 0 0	3 0 2 6	28 4 89 44	11 0 42 14
District Totals	3,010	359	13	219	247	15	1,914	0	11	165	67
District 5											
New Hanover Pender	3,341 291	635 31	6 1	1,058 20	321 29	4 4	1,250 178	1 0	3 2	63 10	0 16
District Totals	3,632	666	7	1,078	350	8	1,428	1	5	73	16
District 6 Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton	299 769 900 341	24 74 106 125	2 0 2 0	29 80 244 19	12 31 189 16	4 14 7 7	214 550 321 170	0 0 0 0	0 3 6 0	10 16 19 1	4 1 6 3
District Totals	2,309	329	4	372	248	32	1,255	0	9	46	14
<u>District 7</u> Edgecombe Nash Wilson	1,021 888 1,076	151 56 86	5 5 0	115 138 95	46 99 58	0 3 1	650 541 800	0 0 2	6 5 7	22 22 25	26 19 2
District Totals	2,985	293	10	348	203	4	1,991	2	18	69	47
District 8											
Greene Lenoir Wayne	121 1,494 2,571	11 174 326	0 8 14	4 277 371	1 167 552	4 10 4	92 750 1,057	0 3 2	4 10 26	0 94 212	5 1 7
District Totals	4,186	511	22	652	720	<b>1</b> 8	1,899	5	40	306	13

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u> District 9</u>	·		·								
Franklin Granville Person ,ance Warren	377 342 402 775 297	174 47 68 57 46	0 1 1 0 2	16 32 59 38 14	49 41 37 61 16	7 1 2 2 0	116 163 217 276 191	0 0 0 0	1 31 3 0 2	11 21 15 37 15	3 5 0 304 10
District Totals	2,193	392	4	159	204	12	963	1	37	99	322
District 10											
wake	7,559	1,910	25	1,626	1,261	73	2,438	4	9	196	17
District 11											
Harnett Johnston Lee	1,476 1,488 1,043	208 360 173	6 10 6	140 213 298	230 236 187	3 19 58	447 480 282	2 2 0	6 10 5	62 125 32	372 33 2
District Totals	4,007	741	22	651	653	80	1,209	4	21	219	407
District 12											
Cumberland Hoke	4,623 326	444 30	8	380 80	288 7	3 35	3,131 72	1 0	32 2	302 6	34 94
District Totals	4,949	474	8	460	295	38	3,203	1	34	308	128
District 13											
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	528 594 909	75 71 130	6 0 17	160 50 84	70 76 124	4 5 5	182 363 482	3 0 2	2 1 1	21 26 64	5 2 0
District Totals	2,031	276	23	294	270	14	1,027	5	4	111	7
District 14											
Durham	3,200	919	9	582	395	26	1,175	1	5	60	28
District 15A											
Flamance	1,654	151	13	210	222	38	737	1	12	86	184
District 15B											_
Chatham Orange	319 708	37 231	4 5	42 83	11 105	11 22	191 240	3 0	2	13 20	5 2
District Totals	1,027	268	9	125	116	33	431	3	2	33	7
District 16											
Pobeson Scotland	1,900 533	280 83	6 1	264 106	242 41	49 6	986 272	0	10 5	60 8	14
District Totals	2,433	363	7	370	283	55	1,258	0	15	68	14
District 17A											
Caswell Pockingham	244 1,266	25 95	0 4	20 281	11 111	5 0	161 695	0	7 5	4 50	11 25
Sistrict Totals	1,510	120	4	301	122	5	856	0	12	54	36
Costrict 178											
ltokes Vrry	278 1,005	20 132	1	44 347	40 97	0	145 386	0 1	0	27 40	1 1
District Totals	1,283	152	1	391	137	0	531	1	1	67	2
gistrict 18											
- Store	6,912	1,028	22	1,627	1,041	50	2,889	4	33	172	46

		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 19A											
Cabarrus Rowan	1,395 1,313	153 170	3 2	187 166	214 189	2 1	7 <b>1</b> 8 673	2 0	5 5	101 105	10 2
District Totals	2,708	323	5	353	403	3	1,391	2	10	206	12
District 19B											
Montgomery Randolph	364 1,089	179 74	0 4	16 142	59 73	5 0	97 681	0 2	0 13	7 61	1 39
District Totals	1,453	253	4	158	132	5	778	2	13	68	40
District 20											
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union District Totals	291 752 601 734 1,080 3,458	20 140 55 122 161 498	5 8 2 7 9	29 126 89 152 148	25 66 52 144 153 440	1 14 4 10 2	193 361 334 245 553	0 1 0 0 2 3	6 0 18 3 7	12 23 40 49 39 163	0 13 7 2 6
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District 21 Forsyth	6,382	869	30	1,663	1,384	26	2,154	4	24	185	43
District 22											
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	231 1,383 156 1,190	27 149 18 142	0 11 0 5	19 204 8 259	22 140 20 180	0 2 4 11	142 801 63 498	0 0 0 1	3 13 4 9	15 61 23 76	3 2 16 9
District Totals	2,960	336	16	490	362	17	1,504	1	29	175	30
District 23											
Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin	116 217 1,279 333	24 32 176 40	0 0 10 2	11 22 350 45	0 26 190 45	9 6 44 4	64 107 440 174	0 0 0	0 0 5 0	0 21 60 21	8 3 4 2
District Totals	1,945	272	12	428	261	63	785	0	5	102	17
District 24											
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey	224 129 172 533 157	22 25 11 39 19	0 2 0 0 0	33 5 30 104 7	0 13 25 149 13	53 2 1 4 24	95 69 56 201 70	0 1 0 0	0 0 1 6 0	0 9 20 23 13	21 3 28 7 11 70
District Totals	1,215	116	2	179	200	84	491	1	/	0.3	70
District 25 Burke Caldwell	1,140 1,417	108 179	2	131 318	297 266	3 0	528 612	0 1 1	6 5 8	60 35 66	5 0 51
Catawba District Totals	2,176 4,733	217 504	8 11	460 909	160 723	127 130	1,078 2,218	2	19	161	56
	7,733	307	11	505	, 23	130	_ ,_ 10	_			
<u>District 26</u> Mecklenburg	14,544	2,636	11	2,420	1,932	65	7,243	3	43	180	11
District 27A Gaston	2,444	202	22	187	192	1	1,713	1	5	96	25

		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
District 27B	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Cleveland Lincoln	1,041 574	136 85	10 1	81 75	93 43	12 1	634 328	1 0	2	69 36	3 2
District Totals	1,615	221	11	156	136	13	962	1	5	105	5
District 28 Buncombe	2,972	442	28	326	289	13	1,581	5	137	139	12
District 29 Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania District Totals	786 494 105 524 336 2,245	80 56 16 41 42 235	3 0 0 8 3	22 28 14 51 17	75 38 15 48 34 210	7 0 3 8 2	505 343 45 339 210 1,442	0 0 0 0 0	9 6 0 1 0	69 20 10 28 26	16 3 2 0 2 23
District 30 Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	176 66 76 566 332 265 173	6 9 4 72 33 41 39	0 1 0 0 0 0 0	0 6 4 64 29 36 9	0 5 9 54 73 31 22	1 2 1 6 6 21 5	133 25 46 328 152 107 70	0 2 0 0 0 1 0	12 6 0 9 0 1 1 1	6 7 11 25 22 12 20	18 3 1 8 17 15 7
State Totals	112,182	16,986	428	18,536	14,426	1,118	53,511	62	674	4,441	2,000

AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

Days)	30 >730	0 6 5 0 14 2	33	49 23 7 7	98		304	58 10 74 20	93 8	1 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
sition (	366-730	6 20 19 24 3 41	120	70 4 22 2 14	112	53 149 10 151	363	63 8 141 51	229 22 22 22 251	34 29 39 21
Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	181-365	6 23 46 65 13 12	216	47 3 27 1 31	109	98 321 25 235	629	94 10 190 88	316 42 358	50 93 180 27
Ages of Cas	91-180	111 57 79 60 3 64	284	63 39 22 5	138	114 280 19 287	700	82 13 251 102	392 41 433	37 102 161 43
	06-0	25 110 117 133 46 269 72	772	393 38 220 25 111	787	421 957 67 826	2,271	291 62 999 403	2,311 178 2,489	173 544 514 249
Median	Age	88.5 88.5 119.0 106.5 62.0 64.0	81.0	51.0 60.5 51.0 56.5	52.0	65.0 84.0 79.0 87.0	82.0	91.5 53.0 67.0 64.0	58.0 63.0 58.0	74.0 48.0 71.0 35.0
	Age	147.8 162.3 172.9 171.6 103.4 160.9	159.1	197.7 123.1 206.2 284.3 149.0	192.1	186.5 195.7 182.1 219.4	202.7	275.1 216.6 172.8 146.2	136.3 142.2 136.8	151.0 86.9 130.0 81.9
Total	Disposed	48 216 266 288 68 63 439 103	1,425	622 56 331 40 183	1,232	736 1,830 126 1,625	4,317	588 103 1,655 664	3,341 291 3,632	299 769 900 341
	>730	0 10 13 3	35	25 33 6	96	84 42 5 95	226	77 24 215 26	183 32 215	2024
ises (Days)	366-730	10 55 56	46	37 9 45 6 14	111	150 126 22 131	429	77 15 208 64	346 40 386	6 9 2
Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	181-365	2 94 13 40 14 36	207	55 7 24 3	109	72 138 23 159	392	52 11 216 53	415 43 458	16 22 39 18
Ages of 1	91-180	12 18 32 10	130	41 3 18 7 16	82	78 142 11 127	358	35 11 180 47	403 32 435	26 29 44 13
	06-0	33 27 52 12 86 16	230	84 12 38 7	177	118 275 18 267	678	95 20 363 128 606	732 73 805	50 109 96 44
Median	Age	105.0 210.0 118.0 141.0 199.5 147.0	168.0	162.0 236.5 451.5 162.0 149.0	224.5	315.5 141.0 251.0 177.0	184.0	320.0 357.0 223.5 133.0	153.0 210.5 154.0	92.0 63.0 90.0 86.0
Mean	Age	225.2 233.4 177.1 229.8 261.2 252.0 247.6	236.3	280.6 286.5 701.4 327.5 236.3	410.0	379.3 244.9 302.6 308.2	303.1	439.8 562.8 359.3 259.6	290.2 323.1 293.3	132.8 109.6 132.4 168.1
Total	Pending	11 153 65 143 42 239 46	669	242 34 184 26 92	578	502 723 79 779	2,083	336 81 1,182 318	2,079	100 169 191 81
	District 1	Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	District Totals	District 2 Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell	District Totals	District 3 Carteret Craven Pamlico	District Totals	District 4 Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson District Totals	District 5 New Hanover Pender District Totals	District 6 Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton

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Ē		:		Ages of P	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	ses (Days)			;	;	Ā	ges of Case	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	ition (Days	-
Total Pending	Mean g Age	Median Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean	Median Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	~730
628 761 693	530.3 430.5 458.8	365.5 308.5 372.0	161 216 183	75 106 79	78 87 81	148 162 184	166 190 166	1,021 888 1,076	143.2 92.3 91.9	51.0 53.0 46.0	, 714 637 838	151 141 126	74 73 48	33 25 42	49
2,082	470.0	344.0	260	260	246	494	522	2,985	1111.1	49.0	2,189	418	195	100	03
39 535 1,178	170.5 175.3 269.6	101.0 114.0 202.0	18 234 368	11 131 190	4 101 311	4 51 228	2 18 81	121 1,494 2,571	98.5 136.2 255.8	40.0 61.0 107.0	87 909 1,184	12 193 283	12 275 180	10 89 827	0 28 97
1,752	238.6	154.0	620	332	416	283	101	4,186	208.3	81.0	2,180	488	467	926	125
174 155 153 211 72	264.4 194.7 278.3 233.8 208.3	144.0 142.0 129.0 132.0	66 61 55 90 32	35 35 36 38 11	37 39 18 43	23 12 25 27 11	13 8 13 3	377 342 402 775 297	201.6 166.3 135.8 173.1 172.0	65.0 77.0 49.0 55.0 51.0	207 189 271 472 176	45 46 37 79 32	62 68 53 117 42	45 26 72 28	18 12 35 19
292	239.4	133.0	304	155	152	86	56	2,193	169.9	57.0	1,315	239	342	200	6
4,047	283.1	199.0	1,345	573	906	806	315	7,559	195.2	71.0	4,209	978	1,019	943	410
329 506 421	135.3 185.4 202.2	77.0 108.0 129.0	176 231 166	63 100 76	66 114 94	21 43 76	3 18 9	1,476 1,488 1,043	137.6 191.4 196.1	48.0 63.0 69.0	935 867 582	119 137 114	219 148 104	185 280 211	18 56 32
1,256	177.9	107.0	573	239	274	140	30	4,007	172.8	0.09	2,384	370	471	9/9	106
3,227	334.9 339.1	258.0 174.0	943 43	423 13	598 14	845	418	4,623 326	180.5 91.6	69.0	2,727	750 48	502 25	253 16	391
3,336	335.1	254.0	986	436	612	867	435	4,949	174.7	67.5	2,962	862	527	569	393
126 343 477	100.0 275.6 156.7	73.0 212.0 125.0	81 96 187	26 64 107	17 76 147	2 91 32	0 16 4	528 594 909	115.2 113.3 125.3	50.5 53.0 66.0	334 404 538	71 89 110	87 55 211	35 38 47	3 8 8
946	192.3	132.0	364	197	240	125	20	2,031	119.2	57.0	1,276	270	353	120	12
1,539	237.0	136.0	587	294	324	252	82	3,200	225.5	83.0	1,663	514	367	400	256

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	E	;			Ages of P	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	es (Days)		£	2		∢	ges of Case	s at Dispos	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	=
District 15A	Pending	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Disposed	Age	Age	06-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
Alamance	420	106.1	55.0	569	98	42	21	2	1,654	98.5	57.0	1,156	276	153	62	7
District 15B Chatham Orange	168 864	247.9	190.5	47	35 97	46 111	33 206	7 305	319 708	138.5 119.2	59.0 56.5	194 495	47	40	35 45	3 15
District Totals	1,032	534.0	393.0	192	132	157	239	312	1,027	125.2	57.0	689	139	101	80	18
District 16 Robeson	977	260.4	161.0	312	224	209	152	80	1,900	128.4	51.0	1,275	253	213	94	65
District Totals	1,260	267.4	170.0	381	275	285	226	93	2,433	136.8	52.0	1,621	304	299	2, 121	88
District 17A Caswell Rockingham	90 381	211.3 133.1	162.0 99.0	30 176	17 107	33	6	4.2	244 1,266	160.9 66.1	56.0	146 909	31 104	39 173	20 70	8 10
District Totals	471	148.0	106.0	206	124	112	23	9	1,510	117.6	49.0	1,055	135	212	06	18
District 178 Stokes Surry	98 417	216.5	147.0 192.0	36 140	24 64	17 108	18 71	33	278 1,005	144.7 144.8	83.5	146 682	57 137	51 106	19 43	5 37
District Totals	515	260.8	171.0	176	88	125	89	37	1,283	144.8	57.0	828	194	157	62	42
District 18 Guilford	3,578	235.8	127.0	1,460	753	810	298	257	6,912	129.3	0.99	4,216	1,037	1,225	376	58
District 19A Cabarrus Rowan	853 370	247.5	184.0 82.0	257 192	161	211 64	207	17 14	1,395	164.8 146.9	71.0	772	219	172	222 102	10
District Totals	1,223	224.3	153.0	449	238	275	230	31	2,708	156.1	71.0	1,500	391	473	324	20
District 19B Montgomery Randolph District Totals	141 281 422	320.0 140.2 200.2	209.0	54 146 200	11 66 77	29 43 72	27 22 49	20 4 4 24	364 1,089 1,453	317.0 122.0 170.8	130.0 49.0 64.5	131 720 851	89 104 193	42 173 215	36 81 117	66 11 77
District 20																
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	193 458 718 385 443	419.3 328.6 806.7 508.1 222.6	325.0 246.0 519.0 330.0 134.0	48 137 133 109 153	26 63 60 39 110	29 84 108 58 77	44 120 105 79 90	46 54 312 100 13	291 752 601 734 1,080	117.0 188.0 270.8 265.9 225.5	50.5 63.0 80.0 63.0	203 435 314 428 621	36 121 53 70 104	27 85 36 44 99	17 51 147 100 161	8 60 51 95
District Totals	2,197	502.9	290.0	280	298	356	438	525	3,458	224.7	63.0	2,001	384	291	476	306

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

tion (Days)	366-730 ~730	305 57		235 52	7 1 35 7 41 9 21 3	7 15 4 11	1		105 36 79 157 226 86	410 279	,936 3,026	326 82		162 12	
Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	181-365	1,125	16 126 15 100	257	13 31 138 51 233	27 23 20 63	18 151		80 160 256	496	1,771 1,	267	207	255	
Vges of Cas	91-180	1,234	29 174 19	382	19 37 230 40 326	49 31 142	19 269		111 157 204	472	1,505	262	109	175	
	06-0	3,661	178 944 113 799	2,034	76 107 861 218 1,262	141 55 115 317	109 737		808 864 1,404	3,076	6,306	1,507	617	1,011	
Madion	Age	75.0	42.0 54.0 48.0 55.5	53.0	54.5 91.0 57.0 49.0	64.5 118.0 56.0 76.0	0.07		43.5 63.0 56.0	54.0	132.0	0.09	61.0	57.0	
Magn	Age	129.8	87.4 115.5 105.6 137.1	121.5	117.3 195.2 99.0 113.9	100.8 205.0 112.3 102.7	68.0		146.4 263.5 168.2	191.5	379.1	168.2	144.9	136.3	
Total	Disposed	6,382	231 1,383 156 1,190	2,960	116 217 1,279 333 1,945	224 129 172 5333	157 1,215		1,140 1,417 2,176	4,733	14,544	2,444	1,041	1,615	
	>730	33	22 22	38	1 5 6 17	17 16 6 19	19 77		108 85 16	509	203	28	3 0	6	
es (Days)	366-730	156	13 53 67 102	235	2 12 17 16 47	13 12 7 29	13 74		71 74 96	241	546	233	37	58	
Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	181-365	350	12 86 42 105	245	6 15 38 19 78	17 11 13 79	12 132		104 114 225	443	785	246	61	93	
Ages of P	91-180	009	13 117 32 88	250	18 21 59 31 129	15 15 35	10		81 102 153	336	972	176	79	114	
	06-0	1,129	29 238 54 209	530	26 42 198 47 313	55 19 23 79	25 201		180 240 349	69/	2,064	398	168	247	
: C:	Age	91.0	127.0 97.0 273.0 138.5	126.0	91.0 111.0 59.0 106.5 78.0	94.0 202.0 134.0	224.0 171.0		203.0 147.0 134.0	153.0	111.0	160.0	99.0	100.0	
100	Age	139.0	203.6 157.9 308.2 223.6	210.6	132.0 197.7 129.9 236.6 162.7	348.3 463.6 278.2 270.5	417.4		413.1 320.1 181.3	287.1	192.0	232.1	157.4	160.5	
Total	Pending	2,268	69 499 204 526	1,298	53 95 318 118 584	117 73 63 241	573		544 615 839	1,998	4,570	1,081	351 170	521	
	District 71	Forsyth	District 22 Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	District Totals	District 23 Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin District Totals	District 24 Avery Madison Mitchell	Yancey District Totals	District 25	Burke Caldwell Catawba	District Totals	District 26 Mecklenburg	District 27A Gaston	District 27B Cleveland Lincoln	District Totals	District 28

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					Ages of 1	Pending Ca	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					¥	ges of Cass	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	ation (Day	(S
	Total		Median						Total	Mean	Median		)	•		•
District 29	Pending	Age	Age	0-0	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Disposed	Age	Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
Henderson	646	355.0	270.5	158	90	150	167	81	786	251.9	73.0	426	109	80	137	34
McDowell	145	212.4	106.0	64	33	56	13	6	494	125.9	51.0	329	57	65	36	7
Polk	54	214.4	116.5	22	11	11	00	2	105	131.2	68.0	64	19	15	വ	~
Rutherford	275	231.6	164.0	86	49	99	51	11	524	155.9	50.0	341	09	47	57	19
Transylvania	170	283.7	245.0	49	21	22	35	10	336	302.4	68.0	183	43	20	57	33
District Totals	1,290	297.4	204.0	391	204	308	274	113	2,245	186.8	61.0	1,343	288	227	292	95
District 30																
Cherokee	227	393.3	365.0	47	34	33	78	35	176	193.4	87.5	91	35	24	13	13
Clay	38	200.6	186.5	∞	10	16	m	7	99	112.6	68.0	41	12	11	2	0
Graham	43	228.2	143.0	14	10	12	2	2	9/	114.8	0.69	45	12	17	2	0
Haywood	398	306.4	244.0	118	57	86	88	37	296	139.4	58.0	361	94	53	48	10
Jackson	157	156.7	84.0	81	42	14	17	3	332	168.0	70.0	183	69	37	24	19
Macon	170	548.8	270.0	41	27	36	27	39	265	182.1	65.0	160	88	34	18	15
Swain	129	399.5	237.0	37	20	20	59	23	173	359.2	149.0	63	35	22	19	34
District Totals	1,162	342.6	212.0	346	200	229	247	140	1,654	178.5	70.5	944	295	198	126	91
State Totals	51,507	275.1	150.0 18	,985	9,317	10,140	8,410	4,655	112,182	189.8	68.0	65,189 15,171		14,511 10,742		6,569

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	Filings	Dispositions		Filings	Dispositions
District 1			District 9		
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perguimans	100 701 340 486 293 803 438	95 839 317 509 269 793 450	Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren District Totals	1,078 1,083 845 2,319 520 5,845	1,003 1,087 937 2,423 585 6,035
District Totals	3,161	3,272	District 10		
District 2			Wake	9,969	9,807
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington District Totals	1,538 111 1,057 162 527 3,395	1,602 112 1,160 147 564	District 11 Harnett Johnston Lee District Totals	1,263 2,490 1,081 4,834	1,194 2,524 1,158 4,876
DISCRICE FOCATS	3,395	3,363	District 12		
District 3  Carteret Craven Pamlico	1,531 2,337 341	1,619 2,300 354	Cumberland Hoke District Totals	9,232 672 9,904	9,417 684 10,101
Pitt	3,112	3,211	District 13		
District Totals  District 4  Duplin Jones	7,321 1,743 199	7,484 1,679 207	Bladen Brunswick Columbus District Totals	1,956 1,030 2,168 5,154	1,781 800 2,231 4,812
Onslow Sampson	2,292 1,746	2,027 1,809	District 14	3,134	7,012
District Totals	5,980	5,722	Durham	13,577	13,118
District 5			District 15A		
New Hanover Pender	3,404 580	3,333 558	Alamance	2,878	2,886
District Totals	3,984	3,891	District 15B	720	7.4.6
District 6			Chatham Orange	730 1,628	746 1,614
Bertie Halifax Hertford	893 1,629 768	889 1,671 804	District Totals <u>District 16</u>	2,358	2,360
Northampton District Totals	705 3 <b>,</b> 995	691 4,055	Robeson Scotland	6,082 1,150	6,492 1,122
	3,995	4,000	District Totals	7,232	7,614
District 7	E 216	5,294	District 17A		
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	5,316 3,865 2,934	3,962 3,109	Caswell Rockingham	369 2,515	409 2,456
District Totals	12,115	12,365	District Totals	2,884	2,865
District 8			District 17B		
Greene Lenoir Wayne	439 3,318 2,657	444 3,401 2,636	Stokes Surry	443 2,979	444 2,895
District Totals	6,414	6,481	District Totals	3,422	3,339

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	Filings	Dispositions		Filings	Dispositions
District 18			District 25		
Guilford High Point	9,424 4,302	9,234 4,361	Burke Caldwell Catawba	1,308 2,633 2,540	1,322 2,598 2,519
District Totals	13,726	13,595	District Totals	6,481	6,439
District 19A				0,101	0,100
Cabarrus Rowan	1,628 2,456	1,614 2,511	<u>District 26</u> Mecklenburg	20,703	24,349
District Totals	4,084	4,125	District 27A		
District 19B			Gaston	4,063	3,929
Montgomery Randolph	953 1,517	962 1,541	District 27B		
District Totals	2,470	2,503	Cleveland Lincoln	3,408 604	3,495 592
District 20			District Totals	4,012	4,087
Anson Moore	813 1,603	781 1,570	District 28		
Richmond Stanly Union	1,614 1,254 1,503	1,669 1,266 1,494	Buncombe  District 29	4,830	4,914
District Totals	6,787	6,780	Henderson	632	600
District 21 Forsyth	8,631	8,560	McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania	398 199 1,090 350	435 191 1,579 318
District 22			District Totals	2,669	3,123
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	440 2,453 433 2,520	486 2,327 401 2,552	District 30 Cherokee Clay Graham	234 73 84	257 63 89
District Totals  District 23	5,846	5,766	Haywood Jackson	974 315	951 315
Alleghany	396	379	Macon Swain	586 106	619 96
Ashe Wilkes	280 2,305	337 2,417	District Totals	2,372	2,390
Yadkin	1,114	1,112		Total Filed	Total Disposed
District Totals	4,095	4,245			
District 24			State Totals	206,163	210,519
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey	223 114 140 375 120	204 116 202 388 136			
District Totals	972	1,046			

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District 1	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 1 Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	0 0 0 0 0	0 7 17 8 6 40	6 24 29 3 0 70 12	6 31 46 11 6 110 13	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 2	0 0 0 0 0 2	0 0 1 0 1 2	1 2 11 1 1 2 0	0 0 6 1 0 1	7 33 64 13 8 117 14	7 23 36 13 8 42 9
District Totals	0	79	144	223	0	2	2	4	18	9	256	138
District 2 Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington	0 0 0 0	15 26 5 0 2	38 11 10 4 15	53 37 15 4	1 0 0 0 2	0 0 1 0	1 0 1 0 2	12 2 0 0	12 2 20 0	0 0 2 0	78 41 38 4 19	42 10 28 4 17
District Totals	0	48	78	126	3	1	4	14	34	2	180	101
District 3 Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt District Totals	0 0 0 0	34 53 0 53	19 89 21 215	53 142 21 268 484	1 2 0 2 5	2 9 0 5	3 11 0 7 21	7 12 1 35 55	1 19 0 29	5 14 0 5	69 198 22 344 633	36 90 11 88 225
District 4		2.0										
Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	0 0 0	19 0 109 20	29 3 86 50	48 3 195 70	0 0 2 0	4 0 3 2	4 0 5 2	1 2 20 13	8 4 33 16	0 0 16 9	61 9 269 110	29 7 93 48
District Totals	0	148	168	316	2	9	11	36	61	25	449	177
District 5 New Hanover Pender District Totals	0 0	308 10 318	275 31 306	583 41 624	13 3 16	48 3 51	61 6 67	5 8 13	19 3 22	3 3 6	671 61 732	242 32 274
District 6  Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton District Totals	0 0 0 0	2 35 1 4	21 125 21 12	23 160 22 16 221	0 9 0 0	0 12 0 0	0 21 0 0	8 5 5 1	5 19 8 4	3 4 4 2	39 209 39 23 310	39 53 35 13
District 7	U	172	175					_				
Edgecombe 'ash Wilson District Totals	0 1 0	59 34 50 143	109 108 124 341	168 143 174 485	0 4 1 5	10 9 5 24	10 13 6 29	16 19 11 46	32 22 11 65	1 6 14 21	227 203 216 646	110 111 106 327
District 8 Greene Lenoir Wayne District Totals	1 0 0	3 24 52 79	11 234 22 267	15 258 74 347	0 12 8	1 19 5 25	1 31 13 45	0 12 33 45	3 46 62 111	1 5 6 12	20 352 188 560	12 105 103 220

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District 9	Capital	Felony	meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				Total	First Time
Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren	0 0 0 0	25 25 10 61 6	10 29 2 83 3	35 54 12 144 9	0 1 2 0 1	10 7 7 18 2	10 8 9 18 3	3 17 2 12 5	5 11 4 15 2	1 5 1 7 1	54 95 28 196 20	25 48 21 51 10
District Totals	0	127	127	254	4	44	48	39	37	15	393	155
District 10												
Wake	0	85	163	248	6	63	69	47	34	22	420	297
District 11												
Harnett Johnston Lee	0 0 0	54 68 33	60 88 61	114 156 94	4 2 1	14 13 0	18 15 1	8 3 7	22 7 13	6 2 4	168 183 119	73 69 60
District Totals	0	155	209	364	7	27	34	18	42	12	470	202
District 12												
Cumberland Hoke	0 0	221 0	342 40	563 40	28 2	235 16	263 18	89 41	113 34	27 4	1,055 137	474 15
District Totals	0	221	382	603	30	251	281	130	147	31	1,192	489
District 13												
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	0 0 0	4 49 3	15 82 12	19 131 15	2 2 2	2 30 4	4 32 6	1 1 5	4 33 8	2 3 3	30 200 37	23 89 36
District Totals	0	56	109	165	6	36	42	7	45	8	267	148
District 14												
Durham	1	140	404	545	2	17	19	30	217	11	822	216
District 15A												
Alamance	0	31	77	108	5	26	31	14	17	9	179	78
District 15B												
Chatham Orange	0 0	1 54	26 118	27 172	0 0	0 5	0 5	8 8	4 37	1	40 226	25 194
District Totals	0	55	144	199	0	5	5	16	41	5	266	219
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson Scotland	0	220 43	121 88	341 131	10 2	15 0	25 2	64 19	84 41	17 1	531 194	231 106
District Totals	0	263	209	472	12	15	27	83	125	18	725	337
District 17A												
Caswell Rockingham	0 2	5 62	4 78	9 142	0	1 12	1 12	1 15	7 19	0 4	18 192	8 95
District Totals	2	67	82	151	0	13	13	16	26	4	210	103
District 17B	0	20	4.0	70	10	4	1.4	10	1.1	2	110	20
Stokes Surry	0	30 112	42 51	72 163	10 15	4 6	14 21	19 9	11 30	3 11	119 234	38 61
District Totals	0	142	93	235	25	10	35	28	41	14	353	99
District 18 Guilford	0	285	779	1,064	65	90	155	121	85	20	1,445	485

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District 19A	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				Grand Total	Court For First Time
Cabarrus Rowan	0 3	43 83	58 247	101 333	1 91	6 72	7 163	16 195	27 38	5 <b>1</b> 4	156 743	101 131
District Totals	3	126	305	434	92	78	170	211	65	19	899	232
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	3 50	14 96	17 146	4 9	2 37	6 46	3 21	2 2	2 5	30 220	24 107
Randolph District Totals	0	53	110	163	13	39	52	24	4	7	250	131
District 20												
Anson	0	16	16	32	0	0	0	1	8	0	41	19
Moore	0	80	69	149	0	0	0	6	123	9	287	93
Richmond Stanly	0	87 19	56 39	143 58	1 3	6 0	7 3	3	24 5	2	179 72	76 38
Union	0	84	104	188	6	15	21	26	59	7	301	135
District Totals	0	286	284	570	10	21	31	39	219	21	880	361
District 21												
Forsyth	0	87	163	250	6	58	64	9	76	16	415	300
District 22											4.0	
Alexander	0	4	16	20	4 2	10 37	14 39	2 31	5 30	1 8	42 351	38 146
Davidson Davie	0	105 21	138 24	243 45	5	37 4	9	2	15	1	72	22
Iredell	0	4	108	112	4	40	44	10	18	0	184	80
District Totals	0	134	286	420	15	91	106	45	68	10	649	286
District 23												
Alleghany	0	2	4	6	3 7	0 6	3 13	2	3 12	1 1	15 65	10 39
Ashe Wilkes	0	12 38	24 90	36 128	30	11	41	32	100	4	305	111
Yadkin	0	10	110	120	13	6	19	13	46	8	206	52
District Totals	0	62	228	290	53	23	76	50	161	14	591	212
District 24												
Avery	0	12	4	16	1	14	15	10	5	1 4	47 38	46 29
Madison	1	2 17	10 9	13 26	2	4 5	6 5	4 7	11 8	1	47	19
Mitchell Watauga	0	22	24	46	1	12	13	7	23	0	89	34
Yancey	0	1	3	4	0	3	3	3	0	2	12	12
District Totals	1	54	50	105	4	38	42	31	47	8	233	140
District 25											001	106
Burke	0	76	100	176	20	43	63	12 35	28 21	2 8	281 306	126 87
Caldwell Catawba	0 4	47 106	79 70	126 180	33 6	83 27	116 33	37	34	15	299	118
District Totals	4	229	249	482	59	153	212	84	83	25	886	331
District 26												
Yecklenburg	0	384	591	975	15	99	114	9	184	1	1,283	617
District 27A												
Gaston	1	190	295	486	0	37	37	45	19	11	598	293
District 27B											000	111
Cleveland Lincoln	0	89 19	71 39	160 58	3 0	8 10	11 10	20 13	15 12	17 6	223 99	111 56
District Totals	0	108	110	218	3	18	21	33	27	23	322	167

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#### **OFFENSES**

		De	linquent		1	Undiscipli	ned	Dependen	t Neglected	Abused		Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 28												
Buncombe	0	133	211	344	24	170	194	63	59	18	678	220
District 29												
Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania	0 0 0 0	1 20 2 36 16	83 11 3 48 16	84 31 5 84 32	27 12 0 14 13	28 9 0 13 1	55 21 0 27 14	10 16 2 23 16	15 21 1 35 9	2 6 0 14 3	166 95 8 183 74	61 60 8 62 47
District Totals	0	75	161	236	66	51	117	67	81	25	526	238
District 30												
Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	0 0 0 0 0 0	7 4 0 14 6 1 0	9 5 1 7 8 10 4	16 9 1 21 14 11 4	1 0 1 4 1 0 2	1 0 0 7 6 1 4	2 0 1 11 7 1 6	0 0 0 5 2 1 1	3 0 4 6 6 1 4	1 0 2 8 1 0 1	22 9 8 51 30 14 16	17 9 6 64 29 14 93
State Totals	14	4,577	7,692	12,283	591	1,632	2,223	1,500	2,370	492	18,868	8,190

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District 7	Retained	Retained Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	162 111 148	55 29 36	21 <i>7</i> 140 184	11 11 4	m m m	14 14 7	17 16 10	940	23 20 10	32 20 17	010	32 21 17	10 6	000	10 9	287 205 227
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District 8 Greene Lenoir Wayne	3 163 159	8 128 27	11 291 186	23 17	0 10 4	1 33 21	1 12 20	270	1 14 25	1 28 56	0 14 1	1 42 57	0 8 4	000	0 % 4	14 383 293
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District 10 Wake	360	27	387	16	m	19	81	∞	89	92	m	79	53	m	56	930
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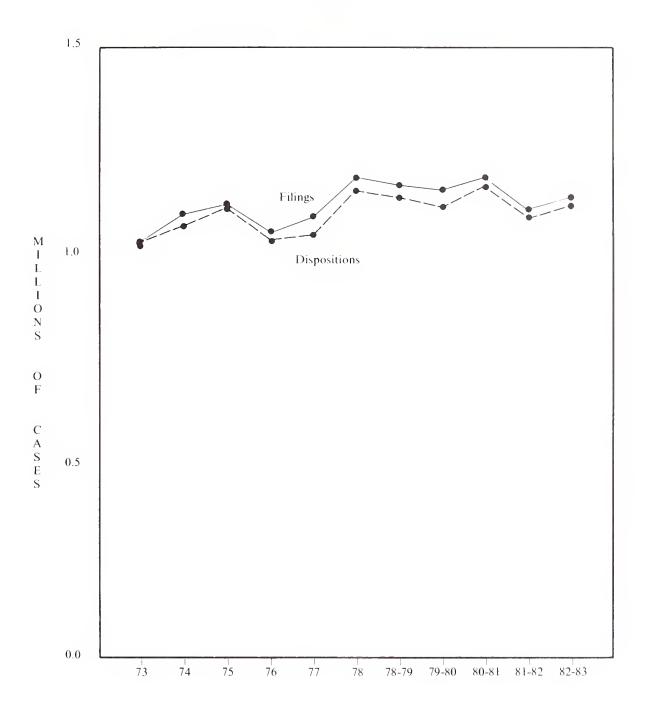
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District 21	Retained	Retained Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained D	Dismissed	Total	Retained I	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Forsyth	242	6	251	28	36	64	10	0	10	71	2	9/	16	0	16	417
District 22																
Alexander	901	7	13	8 6	6 4	12	1 26	1 7	33	<sub>د</sub> ۲	ന്	9	0 5	<b>~</b> ~	1 0	34
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District Totals	300	46	346	44	33	77	43	10	53	29	6	9/	9	5	11	563
District 23																
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District Totals	224	79	303	74	8	82	37	6	46	157	24	181	15	5	17	629
District 24																
Avery	30	11	41	27	22	32	35		36	14	0 /	14	9 20		7	130
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District Totals	144	43	187	74	11	85	93	17	110	144	17	161	36	9	42	585
District 25																
Burke Caldwell	142	44	186	81	25	106	55	9 1	61	229	17	246	10	0 -	10	609 456
Catawba	127	44	171	26	14	40	52	0	55	36	9	42	2 ∞	• 0	100	316
District Totals	366	134	200	226	78	304	176	11	187	325	56	351	38	1	39	1,381
District 26																
Mecklenburg	584	220	804	38	36	74	12	$\vdash$	13	118	37	155	0	0	0	1,046
District 27A																
Gaston	287	119	406	21	13	34	41	4	45	19	0	19	11	0	11	515
District 278																
Cleveland Lincoln	136 30	40	176 57	9	с 4	8 10	2	e 4	66	18 2	2	18	17		18	229 87
District Totals	166	29	233	11	7	18	11	7	18	20	5	25	20	2	22	316
District 28	116	90	010	ä	03	161	0	o	ō	17	10	7	17	0	10	500
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# ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS FOR JUVENILE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Deline	Delinquency Hearings	rrings	Undisc	Undisciplined Hearings	rings	Deper	Dependency Hearings	ings	Ne	Neglect Hearings	2	Ab	Abuse Hearings	<i>x</i>	Iotal
District 29	Retained	Retained Dismissed Total	Total	Retained	Retained Dismissed	Total	Retained	Retained Dismissed	Total	Retained	Retained Dismissed	Total	Retained	Retained Dismissed	Fotal	Hearings
Henderson	78	7	85	44	10	54	9	4	10	52	15	29	2		m	219
McDowell	25	9	31	22	0	22	6	3	12	13	0	13	3	0	673	- To
Polk	9	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	0	_	0	0	0	6
Rutherford	73	12	85	6	1	10	24	0	24	19	1	20	9	0	9	145
Transylvania	18	4	22	11	1	12	12	2	14	4	9	10	1	3	4	62
District Totals	200	30	230	98	12	98	52	6	61	89	22	111	12	4	16	516
District 30																
Cherokee	15	<b>↓</b>	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	33	0	3	1	0	_	22
Clay	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Graham	1	0		0	1		0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	9
Haywood	15	4	19	2	1	ĸ	7	2	6	7	9	13	0	0	0	44
Jackson	8	2	13	4	e	7	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	24
Macon	00	0	00	0	1	1	0	1		1	0	_	0	0	0	11
Swain	4	0	4	3	33	9	-	0	1	4	0	4	_	0	1	16
District Totals	09	10	70	10	10	20	80	3	11	18	11	29	2	0	2	132
State Totals	906,6	3,106	3,106 13,012	1,492	269	2,189	1,550	296	1,846	3,015	683	3,698	290	107	269	21,442

#### FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

#### 1973-1983



Motor vehicle cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts. The increase in filings and dispositions shown here during 1982-83 was a direct result of a 7.6% increase in motor vehicle filings and a

4.3% increase in motor vehicle dispositions. During the 1982-83 year, 64.5% of the criminal district court filings and 64.3% of dispositions were traffic cases.

	Total		Dispositions	
	Filed	Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 1				
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	564 1,091 2,074 4,923 992 2,278 1,178	333 722 1,251 3,193 643 1,319 934	210 383 608 1,353 414 877 269	543 1,105 1,859 4,546 1,057 2,196 1,203
District Totals	13,100	8,395	4,114	12,509
District 2  Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington District Totals	4,829 834 3,057 400 1,060	2,812 434 1,716 215 711 5,888	1,989 387 1,329 164 317 4,186	4,801 821 3,045 379 1,028
District 3				
Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	5,943 10,165 659 7,553	3,011 5,671 358 3,893	2,756 4,515 322 3,425	5,767 10,186 680 7,318
District Totals	24,320	12,933	11,018	23,951
District 4  Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	4,534 1,197 10,636 7,476	2,400 625 4,768 4,811	1,878 438 6,082 2,734	4,278 1,063 10,850 7,545
District Totals	23,843	12,604	11,132	23,736
District 5 New Hanover Pender District Totals	12,973 3,458 16,431	6,018 1,718 7,736	6,596 1,675 8,271	12,614 3,393 16,007
District 6				
Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton District Totals	3,012 10,535 3,306 4,099 20,952	1,919 5,477 2,064 2,318 11,778	913 4,609 1,085 1,995 8,602	2,832 10,086 3,149 4,313 20,380
District 7	20,552	11,770	0,000	
Edgecombe Nash Wilson District Totals	4,923 8,582 5,869 19,374	3,356 5,845 3,982 13,183	1,727 3,003 2,458 7,188	5,083 8,848 6,440 20,371
District 8				
Greene Lenoir Wayne District Totals	1,722 7,404 10,924 20,050	1,088 3,894 6,008 10,990	572 3,314 4,847 8,733	1,660 7,208 10,855 19,723
	20,000	10,550	3,733	15,7,23
Cistrict 9 Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren Gistrict Totals	2,065 4,401 2,133 5,485 2,582 16,666	1,018 2,727 1,005 3,177 1,378 9,305	1,099 1,647 1,144 2,033 1,129 7,052	2,117 4,374 2,149 5,210 2,507 16,357
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	Total		Dispositions	
	Filed	Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 10				
Wake	52,897	24,896	26,682	51,578
District 11				
Harnett Johnston	5,657	2,902	2,630	5,532
Lee	9,353 4,355	4,809 2,646	4,748 1,524	9,557 4,170
District Totals	19,365	10,357	8,902	19,259
District 12				
Cumberland Hoke	30,003 2,665	14,834 1,740	14,282	29,116
District Totals	32,668	16,574	828 15,110	2,568 31,684
District 13	32,7000	20,07	10,110	31,001
Bladen	4,667	2,328	2,519	4,847
Brunswick	4,058	1,976	2,069	4,045
Columbus	5,713	2,741	3,052	5,793
District Totals	14,438	7,045	7,640	14,685
District 14				
Durham	17,080	9,102	7,165	16,267
District 15A				
Alamance	13,199	7,900	5,415	13,315
District 15B				
Chatham Orange	3,770 10,050	2,024 4,826	1,637 4,708	3,661 9,534
District Totals	13,820	6,850	6,345	13,195
District 16				
Robeson	11,691	5,440	6,647	12,087
Scotland	3,633	1,966	1,632	3,598
District Totals	15,324	7,406	8,279	15,685
District 17A				
Caswell Rockingham	1,957 9,395	1,207 5,885	706 3,400	1,913 9,285
District Totals	11,352	7,092	4,106	11,198
District 17B				
Stokes	2,673	1,530	1,107	2,637
Surry	6,675	3,991	2,517	6,508
District Totals	9,348	5,521	3,624	9,145
District 18				
Guilford High Point	39,510 13,592	17,961 7,264	18,342 6,329	36,303 13,593
District Totals	53,102	25,225	24,671	49,896
District 19A				
Cabarrus	13,205	8,312	4,759	13,071
Rowan	11,672	7,632	3,755	11,387
District Totals	24,877	15,944	8,514	24,458
District 19B	4 000	0.776	1 400	
Montgomery Randolph	4,098 8,215	2,776 5,003	1,490 3,052	4,266 8,055
District Totals	12,313	7,779	4,542	12,321

	Total		Dispositions	
	Filed	Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 20				
Anson Noore Richmond Stanly Union	3,701 6,560 3,442 5,193 5,881	2,279 2,682 1,814 2,885 3,375	1,253 3,498 1,544 2,176 2,326	3,532 6,180 3,358 5,061 5,701
District Totals	24,777	13,035	10,797	23,832
District 21				
Forsyth	39,682	20,143	19,674	39,817
District 22				
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	1,840 13,351 3,287 8,880	778 8,283 2,124 5,595	1,151 5,333 1,196 2,785	1,929 13,616 3,320 8,380
District Totals	27,358	16,780	10,465	27,245
District 23 Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin District Totals	687 2,135 6,555 4,133 13,510	413 1,351 3,352 2,656 7,772	278 774 2,556 1,489 5,097	691 2,125 5,908 4,145 12,869
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District 24  Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey District Totals	1,555 1,181 661 3,935 1,524 8,856	840 689 359 2,324 775 4,987	944 488 283 1,607 671 3,993	1,784 1,177 642 3,931 1,446 8,980
District 25				
Burke Caldwell Catawba District Totals	10,784 6,724 13,661 31,169	7,290 3,506 7,546 18,342	3,716 3,024 5,837 12,577	11,006 6,530 13,383 30,919
District 26				
Mecklenburg	47,098	25,178	21,624	46,802
District 27A Gaston	18,480	8,923	9,123	18,046
Sistrict 27B			0.000	6.750
Sleveland Lincoln	6,839 3,843	3,860 1,872	2,890 1,633	6,750 3,505
District Totals	10,682	5,732	4,523	10,255
District 28				
Buncombe	19,492	12,838	6,458	19,296
Sistrict 29				
Henderson McDowel Polk Putherford	6,309 3,771 1,488 4,801	4,533 2,406 929 2,864	2,174 1,223 584 1,612	6,707 3,629 1,513 4,476
Transyivania	1,744	1,062	754	1,816
Sistrict Totals	18,113	11,794	6,347	18,141

	Total		Dispositions	
	Filed	Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 30				
Cherokee	1,965	1,130	795	1,925
Clay	422	241	151	392
Graham	474	310	188	498
Haywood	5,902	3,973	1,604	5,577
Jackson	2,308	1,446	900	2,346
Macon	2,365	1,466	774	2,240
Swain	1,165	672	394	1,066
District Totals	14,601	9,238	4,806	14,044
State Totals	728,517	399,265	316,775	716,040

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	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1				·	•	
Camden	6	149	155	147	94.8	8
Chowan Currituck	41 48	631	672	631	93.8	41
Dare	210	735 1,307	783 1,517	729 1,142	93.1 75.2	54 375
Gates	4	210	214	194	90.6	20
Pasquotank	128	2,004	2,132	2,014	94.4	118
Perquimans	10	332	342	285	83.3	57
District Totals	447	5,368	5,815	5,142	88.4	673
District 2						
Beaufort	93	2,659	2,752	2,637	95.8	115
Hyde Martin	19	445	464	380	81.8	84
Tyrrell	113 35	1,293 182	1,406 217	1,323 204	94.0 94.0	83 13
Washington	27	782	809	799	98.7	10
District Totals	287	5,361	5,648	5,343	94.5	305
District 3						
Carteret	794	4,117	4,911	3,934	80.1	977
Craven	600	4,448	5,048	4,434	87.8	614
Pamlico Pitt	59 736	5 <b>1</b> 4 7 <b>,</b> 926	573 8 <b>,</b> 662	507 7,882	88.4 90.9	66 780
District Totals	2,189	17,005	19,194	16,757	87.3	2,437
District 4	-,	_ , ,				,
Duplin	287	2,376	2,663	2,458	92.3	205
Jones	88	453	541	412	76.1	129
Onslow	605	7,945	8,550	7,765	90.8	785
Sampson	370	3,224	3,594	3,230	89.8	364
District Totals	1,350	13,998	15,348	13,865	90.4	1,483
District 5						
New Hanover	1,012	9,896	10,908	9,682	88.7	1,226
Pender	196	1,102	1,298	1,037	79.8	261
District Totals	1,208	10,998	12,206	10,719	87.8	1,487
District 6						
Bertie	66	940	1,006	957	95.1	49
Halifax	403	3,863	4,266	3,797	89.0	469 184
Hertford Northampton	177 88	1,546 881	1,723 969	1,539 907	89.3 93.6	184 62
District Totals	734	7,230	7,964	7,200	90.4	764
District 7						
Edgecombe	621	4,966	5,587	4,910	87.8	677
Nash	826	5,580	6,406	5,666	88.4	740
Wilson	995	5,012	6,007	4,691	78.0	1,316
District Totals	2,442	15,558	18,000	15,267	84.8	2,733
District 8						
Greene	46	813	859	818	95.2	41
Lenoir Wayne	555	4,401 6,614	4,956 7,557	4,502 6,326	90.8 83.7	454 1,231
*	943	6,614	7,557	6,326		
District Totals	1,544	11,828	13,372	11,646	87.0	1,726

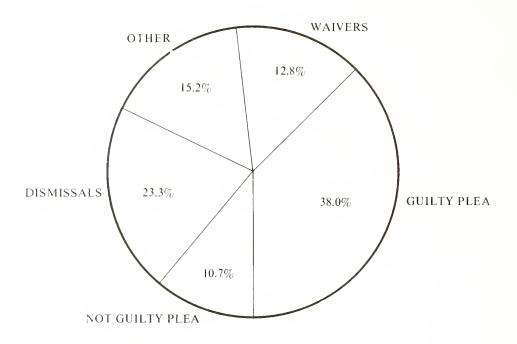
District 9	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren	226 158 226 333 76	1,780 2,106 1,603 2,598 895	2,006 2,264 1,829 2,931 971	1,861 2,065 1,652 2,663 884	92.7 91.2 90.3 90.8 91.0	145 199 177 268 87
District Totals	1,019	8,982	10,001	9,125	91.2	876
<u>District 10</u> Wake	5,440	26,261	31,701	26,775	84.4	4,926
District 11						
Harnett Johnston Lee	362 455 300	3,333 4,897 3,646	3,695 5,352 3,946	3,345 4,919 3,623	90.5 91.9 91.8	350 433 323
District Totals	1,117	11,876	12,993	11,887	91.4	1,106
District 12						
Cumberland Hoke	3,762 208	20,232 1,386	23,994 1,594	20,494 1,433	85.4 89.8	3,500 161
District Totals	3,970	21,618	25,588	21,927	85.6	3,661
District 13						
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	283 449 399	2,373 2,397 4,188	2,656 2,846 4,587	2,408 2,390 4,125	90.6 83.9 89.9	248 456 462
District Totals	1,131	8,958	10,089	8,923	88.4	1,166
District 14						
Durham	2,728	13,046	15,774	13,536	85.8	2,238
<u>District 15A</u> Alamance	747	6,276	7,023	6,288	89.5	735
District 15B						
Chatham Orange	123 591	1,821 4,246	1,944 4,837	1,725 4,200	88.7 86.8	219 637
District Totals	714	6,067	6,781	5,925	87.3	856
District 16						
Robeson Scotland	924 344	8,633 2,986	9,557 3,330	8,620 3,025	90.1 90.8	937 305
District Totals	1,268	11,619	12,887	11,645	90.3	1,242
District 17A						
Caswell	55	732	787	731	92.8	56
Rockingham District Totals	602 65 <i>7</i>	6,019 6,751	6,621 7,408	6,180 6,911	93.3 93.2	441 497
District 17B		0,701	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0,011		
Stokes	96	1,034	1,130	1,031	91.2	99
Surry	375	2,849	3,224	2,934	91.0	290
District Totals	471	3,883	4,354	3,965	91.0	389
<u>District 18</u> Guilford	8,402	26,041	34,443	25,185	73.1	9,258

Cistrict 19A	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Cabarrus Rowan	595 650	4,761 3,971	5,356 4,621	4,651 3,668	86.8 79.3	705 953
Cistrict Totals	1,245	8,732	9,977	8,319	83.3	1,658
District 198						
Montgomery Randolph	278 571	2,053 4,136	2,331 4,707	2,104 4,085	90.2 86.7	227 622
Cistrict Totals	849	6,189	7,038	6,189	87.9	849
District 20						
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	164 369 426 303 342	2,086 3,871 2,964 2,280 3,790	2,250 4,240 3,390 2,583 4,132	1,937 3,862 2,826 2,164 3,762	86.0 91.0 83.3 83.7 91.0	313 378 564 419 370
District Totals	1,604	14,991	16,595	14,551	87.6	2,044
District 21						
Forsyth	3,157	17,218	20,375	16,253	79.7	4,122
District 22						
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	218 872 114 931	1,177 7,237 805 5,161	1,395 8,109 919 6,092	1,285 7,267 788 5,078	92.1 89.6 85.7 83.3	110 842 131 1,014
District Totals	2,135	14,380	16,515	14,418	87.3	2,097
District 23						
Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin	32 89 343 96	268 794 2,934 826	300 883 3,277 922	275 713 2,787 818	91.6 80.7 85.0 88.7	25 170 490 104
District Totals	560	4,822	5,382	4,593	85.3	789
District 24						
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey	138 86 75 305 108	478 424 269 1,004 437	616 510 344 1,309 545	483 444 287 894 396	78.4 87.0 83.4 68.2 72.6	133 66 57 415 149
District Totals	712	2,612	3,324	2,504	75.3	820
District 25	-00	0.715	4 000	2.660	00. 5	420
Burke Caldwell Catawba	383 966 619	3,715 4,017 6,034	4,098 4,983 6,653	3,669 3,619 6,023	89.5 72.6 90.5	429 1,364 630
District Totals	1,968	13,766	15,734	13,311	84.6	2,423
District 26						
Mecrlenburg	7,853	34,281	42,134	34,534	81.9	7,600
District 27A						
Gaston	2,443	13,164	15,607	13,367	85.6	2,240

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 27B						
Cleveland Lincoln	328 212	3,995 2,244	4,323 2,456	3,946 2,266	91.2 92.2	377 190
District Totals	540	6,239	6,779	6,212	91.6	567
District 28						
Buncombe	1,101	10,329	11,430	10,382	90.8	1,048
District 29						
Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania	535 216 76 466 108	3,361 1,670 520 2,908 980	3,896 1,886 596 3,374 1,088	3,151 1,527 508 2,632 917	80.8 80.9 85.2 78.0 84.2	745 359 88 742 171
District Totals	1,401	9,439	10,840	8,735	80.5	2,105
District 30						
Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	129 22 52 549 314 326 55	829 164 311 2,327 872 632 489 5,624	958 186 363 2,876 1,186 958 544 7,071	787 143 326 2,569 1,088 626 482	82.1 76.8 89.8 89.3 91.7 65.3 88.6	171 43 37 307 98 332 62 1,050
State Totals	64,880	400,515	465,390	397,420	85.4	67,970

#### METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

1982-1983



Guilty pleas continue to represent the largest method of disposition of non-motor vehicle cases in the district

courts. The waivers depicted here are worthless check cases.

		Wa	iver	Guile	y Plea	Not Gu	ilty Plea			Speedy		
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 1												
Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	147 631 729 1,142 194 2,014 285	0 60 9 12 9 102 17	0 2 11 30 19 60 0	25 217 180 435 53 826 70	19 29 163 160 47 45 36	12 116 152 84 29 509 58	0 0 1 4 1 2	19 44 36 53 6 148 26	14 82 130 271 18 273 32	0 0 0 0 0	58 81 47 93 12 49 46	.0 9.8 2.7 3.6 14.4 8.0 5.9
District Totals	5,142	209	122	1,806	499	960	8	332	820	0	386	6.4
District 2												
Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell Washington District Totals	2,637 380 1,323 204 799 5,343	470 0 191 16 147 824	46 16 97 8 36 203	922 94 526 17 180	141 70 34 16 75	453 63 175 62 174	0 0 0 1 0	128 59 103 22 100 412	199 29 84 4 57	0 0 0 0	278 49 113 58 30	19.5 4.2 21.7 11.7 22.9
	3,343	024	203	1,/39	330	327	1	412	3/3	0	320	19.2
District 3 Carteret Craven Pamlico Pitt	3,934 4,434 507 7,882	293 584 14 1,375	220 160 25 879	1,092 1,312 114 2,369	630 160 82 164	166 402 44 705	3 0 0	230 172 22 578	1,192 1,292 178 1,495	0 0 0	108 352 28 317	13.0 16.7 7.6 28.5
District Totals	16,757	2,266	1,284	4,887	1,036	1,317	3	1,002	4,157	0	805	21.1
District 4												
Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	2,458 412 7,765 3,230	264 24 1,216 593	220 13 390 318	1,011 146 2,844 1,253	7 68 268 14	69 44 480 106	1 2 0 5	114 14 41 4	286 70 1,112 389	0 0 0	486 31 1,414 548	19.7 8.9 20.6 28.2
District Totals	13,865	2,097	941	5,254	357	699	8	173	1,857	0	2,479	21.9
District 5												
New Hanover Pender	9,682 1,037	822 15	297 12	3,491 389	129 128	1,280 180	2 0	1,425 83	2,006 176	0	230 54	11.5 2.6
District Totals	10,719	837	309	3,880	257	1,460	2	1,508	2,182	0	284	10.6
District 6 Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton	957 3,797 1,539 907	18 238 210 30	44 89 65 57	289 1,123 474 251	78 298 62 100	207 531 205 155	0 0 2 3	78 301 136 71	140 854 115 152	0 0 0 0	103 363 270 88	6.4 8.6 17.8 9.5
District Totals	7,200	496	255	2,137	538	1,098	5	586	1,261	0	824	10.4
District 7												
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	4,910 5,666 4,691	654 1,179 549	252 387 240	1,450 1,704 1,746	303 172 172	737 549 500	1 0 0	236 254 463	1,036 1,162 928	0 0 0	241 259 93	18.4 27.6 16.8
District Totals	15,267	2,382	879	4,900	647	1,786	1	953	3,126	0	593	21.3
District 8												
Greene Lenoir Wayne	818 4,502 6,326	141 168 431	2 0 696	196 1,491 1,866	36 563 157	67 352 389	0 0 0	88 <b>259</b> 58	184 1,302 2,096	0 0 0	104 367 633	17.4 3.7 17.8
District Totals	11,646	740	698	3,553	756	808	0	405	3,582	0	1,104	12.3

		Ws	iiver	Guil	ty Plea	Not Gu	ilty Plea			Cd		
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 9				oaage		odage		ricaring	oy D.A.	Distilissat	Other	by waiver
Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren	1,861 2,065 1,652 2,663 884	306 301 188 410 63	72 165 16 166 40	529 728 499 935 201	43 65 74 3 82	249 296 337 354 <b>1</b> 77	0 2 0 0	311 151 84 130 52	302 281 259 448 228	0 0 0 0	49 76 195 217 41	20.3 22.5 12.3 21.6 11.6
District Totals	9,125	1,268	459	2,892	267	1,413	2	728	1,518	0	578	18.9
District 10												
Wake	26,775	248	4,937	8,382	1,133	1,798	0	2,189	7,043	0	1,045	19.3
District 11												
Harnett Johnston Lee	3,345 4,919 3,623	414 665 842	421 517 66	922 1,580 1,159	66 177 0	361 568 444	0 0 0	223 251 183	564 804 519	0 0 0	374 357 410	24.9 24.0 25.0
District Totals	11,887	1,921	1,004	3,661	243	1,373	0	657	1,887	0	1,141	24.6
District 12												
Cumberland Hoke	20,494 1,433	273 51	3,976 25 <b>1</b>	6,712 447	2 <b>1</b> 6 38	1,545 235	0 0	67 41	5,697 2 <b>3</b> 5	0 0	2,008 135	20.7 21.0
District Totals	21,927	324	4,227	7,159	254	1,780	0	108	5,932	0	2,143	20.7
District 13												
Bladen Brunswick Columbus	2,408 2,390 4,125	98 119 3 <b>1</b> 8	224 27 928	810 767 1,296	263 254 96	223 210 419	0 0 0	102 70 127	570 830 723	0 0 0	118 113 218	13.3 6.1 30.2
District Totals	8,923	535	1,179	2,873	613	852	0	299	2,123	0	449	19.2
District 14												
Durham	13,536	698	864	5,573	4	674	0	552	4,023	0	1,148	11.5
District 15A												
Alamance	6,288	489	50	2,766	170	908	0	477	1,135	0	293	8.5
District 15B												
Chatham Orange	1,725 4,200	68 515	87 0	350 1,544	608 288	126 275	0 0	160 224	259 1,058	0 0	67 296	8.9 12.2
District Totals	5,925	583	87	1,894	896	401	0	384	1,317	0	363	11.3
District 16												
Robeson Scotland	8,620 3,025	1,182 332	55 34	4,184 1,383	66 118	997 <b>3</b> 68	0 1	1,037 214	662 209	0 0	437 366	14.3 12.0
District Totals	11,645		89	5,567	184	1,365	1	1,251	871	0	803	13.7
District 17A												
Caswell Pockingham	731 6,180	32 361	0 38	160 2,062	36 440	220 1,263	0 0	70 232	131 793	0 0	82 991	4.3 6.4
District Totals	6,911	393	38	2,222	476	1,483	0	302	924	0	1,073	6.2
District 17B												
Stokes	1,031	50	36	207 669	67 129	110 329	2 0	73 236	245 630	0 0	241 692	8.3 8.4
Surry District Totals	2,934 3,965	249 299	0 36	876	129	439	2	309	875	0	933	8.4
District 18	. , 3											
Guilford	25,185	292	606	9,570	1,517	2,747	5	571	7,165	0	2,712	3.5

		Wa	iver	Guile	y Plea	Not Gu	ilty Plea			Speedy		
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 19A	·								,		4	
Cabarrus Rowan	4,651 3,668	358 110	224 124	1,412 1,068	327 173	892 985	0 1	436 525	632 404	0	370 278	12.5 6.3
District Totals	8,319	468	348	2,480	500	1,877	1	961	1,036	0	648	9.8
District 19B												
Montgomery Randolph	2,104 4,085	209 745	0 0	378 1,279	473 39	344 57 <b>1</b>	0 0	165 373	502 983	0	33 95	9.9 18.2
District Totals	6,189	954	0	1,657	512	915	0	538	1,485	0	128	15.4
District 20												
Anson Moore Richmond Stanly Union	1,937 3,862 2,826 2,164 3,762	197 533 192 314 558	0 376 52 15 6	500 948 786 605 1,090	143 112 116 147 55	424 449 530 185 826	0 0 0 0 2	278 314 236 215 339	353 696 560 440 610	0 0 0 0	42 434 354 243 276	10.1 23.5 8.6 15.2 14.9
District Totals	14,551	1,794	449	3,929	573	2,414	2	1,382	2,659	0	1,349	15.4
<u>District 21</u> Forsyth	16,253	1	1,860	5,073	68	3,264	0	1,555	3,038	0	1,394	11.4
District 22												
Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell	1,285 7,267 788 5,078	32 341 50 350	19 140 18 0	333 2,202 218 1,841	182 304 0 274	124 873 99 560	0 1 0 2	34 166 36 212	417 2,028 260 1,539	0 0 0	144 1,212 107 300	3.9 6.6 8.6 6.8
District Totals	14,418	773	177	4,594	760	1,656	3	448	4,244	0	1,763	6.5
District 23												
Alleghany Aske Wilkes Yadkin	275 713 2,787 818	22 50 186 58	3 79 88 9	75 196 756 282	17 60 67 44	77 126 786 174	1 0 4 0	14 12 151 35	54 124 453 <b>1</b> 52	0 0 0	12 66 296 64	9.0 18.0 9.8 8.1
District Totals	4,593	316	179	1,309	188	1,163	5	212	783	0	438	10.7
District 24												
Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey	483 444 287 894 396	97 21 13 102 8	0 2 0 40 1	46 47 106 174 55	47 24 7 12 99	60 43 42 86 70	1 0 0 3 0	26 18 14 10 29	118 199 82 273 94	0 2 0 0	88 88 23 194 40	20.0 5.1 4.5 15.8 2.2
District Totals	2,504	241	43	428	189	301	4	97	766	2	433	11.3
<u>District 25</u> Burke Caldwell Catawba	3,669 3,619 6,023	298 248 535	209 0 130	849 994 1,991	124 334 244	312 226 533	0 0 0	504 222 592	1,065 1,029 1,488	0 0 0	308 566 510	13.8 6.8 11.0
District Totals	13,311	1,081	339	3,834	702	1,071	0	1,318	3,582	0	1,384	10.6
District 26	13,311	1,001	337	3,031	702	1,071	Ü	1,510	3,302	O	1,501	10.0
Mecklenburg	34,534	1,113	7	10,179	3,480	2,577	0	2,340	11,075	0	3,763	3.2
District 27A Gaston	13,367	749	22	4,145	485	1,285	0	133	4,447	0	2,101	5.7
District 27B												
Cleveland Lincoln	3,946 2,266	425 225	4 89	1,217 627	45 235	324 258	0	323 151	1,225 460	0	383 221	10.8 13.8
District Totals	6,212	650	93	1,844	280	582	0	474	1,685	0	604	11.9

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	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 28												
Buncombe	10,382	1,082	453	5,277	43	437	3	815	1,345	0	927	14.7
District 29												
-enderson McDowell Polk Sutherford Transylvania	3,151 1,527 508 2,632 917	2 100 22 259 37	5 28 4 1 49	1,132 612 168 849 333	593 162 0 154 148	63 120 13 270 19	0 0 0 3 0	194 123 45 102 53	1,026 358 148 586 244	0 0 0 0	136 24 108 408 34	.2 8.3 5.1 9.8 9.3
District Totals	8,735	420	87	3,094	1,057	485	3	517	2,362	0	710	5.8
District 30												
Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain District Totals	787 143 326 2,569 1,088 626 482 6,021	4 1 1 118 19 20 20 20	18 6 4 43 21 12 0	201 42 56 813 168 147 110	3 12 58 65 174 139 94	9 11 35 144 13 30 28	0 1 1 4 1 0 1 8	96 11 14 291 80 80 22	256 46 99 1,049 269 144 191 2,054	0 0 0 0 0 0	200 13 58 42 343 54 16 726	2.7 4.8 1.5 6.2 3.6 5.1 4.1
State Totals	397,420	28,240	22,428	130,971	19,761	42,585	67	24,582	92,732	2	36,052	12.8

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	>365	1300130	∞	15 0 20 0 1	36	61 50 8 51	170	16 0 23 5	44	69 11 80	1 26 27 3 3
Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	181-365	2 1 6 5 0 12 0	56	22 0 11 3	37	81 71 2 146	300	54 6 76 73	209	151 12 163	0 45 31 5 81
es at Dispo	121-180	17 7 6 28 0 0 1	64	10 0 27 18 10	9	133 125 16 236	510	64 23 157 133	377	120 16 136	6 122 31 10 169
ges of Cas	61-120	7 18 52 116 13 59 6	271	50 9 65 18	168	453 555 60 782	1,850	266 39 683 492	1,480	771 76 847	41 473 132 70 716
	09-0	121 602, 664 993 181 1,935	4,773	2,540 371 1,200 167 759	5,037	3,206 3,633 421 6,667	13,927	2,058 344 6,826 2,527	11,755	8,571 922 9,493	909 3,131 1,318 819 6,177
Median	Age	25.0 13.0 17.0 20.0 12.5 20.0 13.0	17.0	7.0 14.0 11.0 21.0 9.0	8.0	21.0 20.0 17.0 20.0	20.0	27.0 24.0 17.0 29.0	29.0	15.0 16.0 15.0	13.0 24.0 15.0 13.0
Mean	Age	43.3 20.6 25.9 30.1 19.0 25.2	25.6		20.7		39.7	37.5 37.8 30.1 43.4	34.7	31.0 38.8 31.8	18.8 38.8 38.6 24.9
Total	Disposed	147 631 729 1,142 194 2,014	5,142	2,637 380 1,323 204 799	5,343	3,934 4,434 507 7,882	16,757	2,458 412 7,765 3,230	13,865	9,682 1,037 10,719	3,797 1;539 7,200
_	>365	0 4 4 0 1 1 2	104	8 1 7 0	17	150 48 111 65	274	17 34 0 0	62	167 106 273	0 0 2 0 0
ses (Days	181-365	0 2 0 75 0 4	82	13 0 0	18	104 28 2 32	166	27 39 20 8	94	122 28 150	1 46 10 7 64
ges of Pending Cases (Days)	171-180	0 3 0 17 0 5	25	14 2 12 0	28	83 31 4 35	153	8 6 29 21	64	65 13 78	0 14 16 31
Ages of P	071-19	0 4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	81	2 2 0 0 0 0	∞	142 62 2 123	329	31 13 96 46	186	161 12 173	5 90 35 12
9	09-0	8 28 46 120 20 105 54	381	75 79 58 12 10	234	44 44 52	1,515	122 37 640 278	1,077	711 102 813	43 318 118 42 521
Median	Age	29.5 45.0 23.0 115.0 20.0 14.0	45.0	27.0 23.0 24.0 20.0	23.0	57.0 30.0 20.0 35.0	45.0	37.0 211.0 24.0 27.0	29.0	38.0 192.0 45.0	23.0 36.0 42.0 28.0
Mean	Age	23.5 96.7 57.2 223.6 19.7 47.6 39.2	147.6	92.2 30.3 148.2 50.1 33.4	86.7	172.9 90.8 118.2 140.4	140.3	104.4 228.0 40.0 65.4	71.5	143.1 411.2 190.2	36.0 62.7 72.3 54.6 62.6
Total	renaing	8 41 54 375 20 118	673	115 84 83 13	302	977 614 66 780	2,437	205 129 785 364	1,483	1,226 261 1,487	49 469 184 62 764
	District 1	Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	District Totals	District 2 Beaufort Hyde Martin Tyrrell	District Totals	District 3 Carteret Craven Pamlico	District Totals	District 4 Duplin Jones Onslow Sampson	District Totals	District 5 New Hanover Pender District Totals	District 6 Bertie Halifax Hertford Northampton

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	Total	Mean	Median	9	Ages of P	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	es (Days)	,	Total	Mean	Median		ges of Case	es at Dispo	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	<u> </u>
District 7	a cuona	۸ ۲	284	00-0	071-10	171-180	181-302	>303	Disposed	Age	Age	09-0	61-120	121-180	181-365	~365
Edgecombe Nash Wilson	677 740 1,316	69.6 123.7 204.5	15.0 35.0 101.0	527 482 392	61 84 366	28 44 129	24 38 214	37 92 215	4,910 5,666 4,691	40.3 43.5 61.5	21.0 21.0 32.0	3,900 4,401 3,143	708 788 845	160 266 315	111 186 341	31 25 47
District Totals	2,733	149.2	58.0	1,401	511	201	276	344	15,267	48.0	25.0 1	1,444	2,341	741	638	103
District 8 Greene Lenoir Wayne	41 454 1,231	36.3 53.2 62.6	22.0 34.0 36.0	34 316 815	5 96 256	2 21 75	0 18 69	0 3 16	818 4,502 6,326	30.6 46.4 54.4	17.0 28.0 31.0	727 3,282 4,555	57 845 1,037	16 231 380	15 134 323	3 31
District Totals	1,726	59.5	35.0	1,165	357	86	87	19	11,646	49.6	29.0	8,564	1,939	627	472	44
District 9 Franklin Granville Person Vance Warren	145 199 177 268 87	513.8 93.7 153.7 98.0 59.3	86.0 24.0 23.0 30.0 35.0	66 150 111 197 56	14 19 16 24 20	5 7 11 7	8 11 14 11	52 12 35 25	1,861 2,065 1,652 2,663 884	49.6 26.8 32.2 49.1	17.0 13.0 15.0 18.0	1,631 1,828 1,495 2,315	157 187 92 244 57	20 21 33 65	18 21 20 36 27	35 8 12 3
District Totals	876	173.3	30.0	280	93	31	46	126	9,125	36.2	16.0	8,034	737	154	122	78
District 10 Wake	4,926	131.3	59.0	2,508	937	557	480	444	26,775	68.2	33.0 1	18,246	4,280	1,609	2,134	909
District 11 Harnett Johnston Lee	350 433 323	111.8 106.4 189.0	30.0 36.0 44.0	219 287 188	65 62 28	11 32 14	23 19 19	32 33 74	3,345 4,919 3,623	31.2 34.2 25.6	18.0 17.0 14.0	2,916 4,158 3,199	272 517 344	96 162 54	60 66 22	1 16 4
District Totals	1,106	132.2	37.0	694	155	24	61	139	11,887	30.7	16.0 1	10,273	1,133	312	148	21
District 12 Cumberland Hoke District Totals	3,500 161 3,661	62.6 47.9 62.0	38.0 29.0 38.0	2,301 118 2,419	692 25 717	277 15 292	197 3 200	33 033	20,494 1,433 21,927	68.2 34.7 66.0	42.0 1 22.0 40.0 1	12,730 1,201 13,931	4,221 165 4,386	1,885 41 1,926	1,526 23 1,549	132 3 135
District 13 Bladen Brunswick Columbus	248 456 462	170.4 226.9 126.1	50.5 90.0 42.5	140 207 305	20 42 48	17 17	21 73 34	50 117 61	,40 ,39	39.4 55.5 33.9	0.0.0	1,952 1,670 3,481	333 475 489	52 124 91	60 94 56	111 27 8
District Totals	1,166	174.9	52.0	652	110	48	128	228	8,923	41.2	24.0	7,103	1,29/	797	210	46
District 14 Durham	2,238	132.6	52.0	1,255	381	123	208	271	13,536	80.3	31.0	9,619	2,266	682	437	532

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Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 61-120 121-180 181-365 >365
89 36 99 153
28 10 7
40 50 1
103 41 23
38 79
2 0 2 52 18 49
18
20 2 0 33 15 3
53 17 3
,235 769 1,728 2,662
68 65 86 .23 44 185
109 271
15 1 6 79 15 25
94 16 31
28 16 20 45 42 39 40 64 122 35 21 86
150

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Days)		25 44 2 21 92	1 2 73 4 4	15 21 3 17 9	9 12 13 33	2,207	6 6 28 34 34	137
position (Da		24 218 5 97 344	3 19 37 17 76	26 29 7 57 51	42 67 110 219	1,780	29 29 29 58	200
Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) 61-120 171-180		52 211 24 217 504	9 6 42 29 86	8 52 20 23 4 4	111 61 208 380	1,396	59 49 108	,
Ages of Ca	876	137 834 126 613 1,710	20 43 206 84 353	105 62 54 139 41	321 423 777 1,521	6,072	2,989 345 203 548	Î
0-60	14	1,047 5,960 631 4,130 11,768	242 643 2,429 684 3,998	329 280 203 203 658 337 1,807	3,186 3,056 4,916 11,158	2	3,507 1,957 5,464	•
Median	18.0	21.0 20.0 27.5 28.0 23.0	15.0 14.0 15.0 16.0	29.0 42.0 35.0 27.0 20.0	21.0 22.0 21.0 22.0	35.0	21.0 25.0 22.0	0
Mean		45.6 41.1 40.2 42.5 41.9	29.6 28.1 45.3 35.8	62.5 89.1 54.3 62.2 42.9	33.5 36.2 37.6 36.1	103.6	30.3 40.0 33.8	!
Total	16,253	1,285 7,267 788 5,078	275 713 2,787 818 4,593	483 444 287 287 894 396 2,504	3,669 3,619 6,023 13,311	34,534	3,946 2,266 6,212	
>365	1,830	7 32 13 193 245	0 45 62 2 2 109	65 3 25 195 55 343	19 652 14 685	845	11.3 7 2 9	
ises (Days) 181-365	507	63 10 169 248	0 43 138 1	13 5 5 57 25 105	22 233 26 281	662	307 7 8 15	
Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 61-120 121-180 181-365	188	5 64 10 35 114	1 10 30 2 43	12 12 42 5 64	9 73 22 104	726	183 7 19 26	į
Ages of 1 61-120	301	25 114 41 111 291	21 21 46 17 85	14 7 6 43 5 75	28 100 111 239	1,503	33 23 54	
09-0	1,296	67 569 57 506 1,199	23 51 214 82 370	37 39 20 78 59 53	351 306 457 1,114	•	1,230 325 138 463	ļ.
Median	275.0	34.0 30.0 64.0 62.0 43.0	14.0 223.0 94.0 23.0 85.0	337.0 51.5 252.0 317.0 265.0	17.0 329.0 27.5 79.0	58.0	17.0 30.0 24.0	0
Mean	429.4	92.3 78.1 153.4 181.6 133.6	23.8 222.3 193.7 49.3	458.8 125.5 445.9 427.2 241.7 375.6	60.5 356.6 62.5 227.7	176.7	46.3 57.9 50.2	6
Total Pending	4,122	110 842 131 1,014 2,097	25 170 490 104 789	133 66 57 415 149 820	429 1,364 630 2,423	7,600	377 190	,
	District 21 Forsyth	District 22 Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell District Totals	District 23 Alleghany Ashe Wilkes Yadkin District Totals	District 24 Avery Madison Mitchell Watauga Yancey District Totals	District 25 Burke Caldwell Catawba District Totals	District 26 Mecklenburg District 27A	District 27B Cleveland Lincoln District Totals	District 28

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	Total	Mean	Median		Ages of F	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)	ses (Days)	-	Total	Meen	Medion	¥	ges of Cass	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)	ition (Day	s)
	Pending	Age	Age	09-0	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Disposed	Age	Age	09-0	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 29		ı	İ							ı	)					
Henderson	745	134.6	44.0	411	88	42	117	98	3,151	50.3	29.0	2,382	209	113	114	33
McDowell	359	296.0	171.0	135	28	21	28	117	1,527	33.0	22.0	1,271	220	19	15	2
Polk	88	198.2	73.0	43	80	13	15	6	208	47.4	24.0	390	71	31	11	2
Rutherford	742	266.3	129.0	258	98	63	174	149	2,632	44.0	25.0	2,096	390	9/	20	20
Transylvania	171	83.7	37.0	108	19	21	20	က	917	46.1	27.0	721	120	47	16	13
District Totals	2,105	207.1	83.0	922	242	160	384	364	8,735	44.8	25.0	6,860	1,310	286	506	73
District 30																
Cherokee	171	116.2	57.0	46	30	6	19	16	787	65.9	34.0	582	133	22	30	20
Clav	43	179.7	195.0	13	m	4	19	4	143	52.6	22.0	124	9	0	7	9
Graham	37	40.4	30.0	32	2	n	0	0	326	64.9	27.0	271	20	4	17	14
Haywood	307	164.6	44.0	171	21	12	31	72	2,569	95.4	25.0	1,958	224	66	107	181
Jackson	98	103.8	60.5	49	21	20	2	т	1,088	137.5	32.0	299	106	52	100	163
Macon	332	907.8	812.0	52	7	2	21	244	929	33.2	15.5	539	42	28	12	2
Swain	62	146.1	35.0	38	4	4	6	7	482	50.2	25.0	384	55	20	19	7
District Totals	1,050	381.2	100.0	455	88	24	104	346	6,021	86.0	26.0	4,525	583	225	295	393
State Totals	67,970	182.2	59.0 34	0,870	9,666	4,782	7,667	10,985	397,420	54.0	24.0 3	310,848 51,523		14,720 12	12,839 7	7,490

#### RANKINGS FOR THE 34 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED\*

			Superior Cou	rt			Distr	rict Court
Judicial	Judicial	Civil	Cı	iminal	Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal Non-Motor
Division	District	Civii	Felonies	Misdemeanors		roceedings		Vehicle
1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	17 24 20 31 10 30 14 8	13 19 7 14 9 10 4	11 22 13 15 1 27 5	30 1 11 22 26 23 13 10	26 34 14 20 12 30 33 9	23 19 22 30 28 1 32	12 1 14 8 16 9 28 15
II	9 10 11 12 13 14 15A 158	16 12 2 33 21 15 23 19	20 32 3 15 34 23 21 1 29	18 23 9 16 30 29 14 2	15 34 7 4 19 25 6 31 5	16 21 18 13 27 2 11 32 22	9 26 6 31 18 21 2 34 24	3 26 4 23 13 21 11 17
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#### RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED\*

			Superior Cou	rt			Dist	rict Court
				iminal	Estates	Special	Civil	Criminal
Judiciai District	County	Civil	Felonies	Misdemeanors		Proceedings		Non-Motor Vehicle
1	Camden	8	15	96	5	43	4	5
	Chowan	50	65	17	84	90	90	9
	Currituck	12	20	14	54	62	8	12
	Dare	74	59	63	99	82	55	95
	Gates	30	14	43	57	15	84	35
	Pasquotank	56	36	12	33	48	69	6
	Perqúimans	62	8	57	91	84	44	77
2	Beaufort	89	68	73	3	98	34	2
	Hyde	79	96	94	1	78	76	82
	Martin	27	32	4	78	89	70	7
	Tyrrell	20	1	59	18	51	85	8
	Washington	29	16	51	15	56	57	1
3	Carteret	66	23	45	37	53	87	86
	Craven	52	12	18	38	50	35	59
	Pamlico	44	55	64	60	32	81	57
	Pitt	51	43	38	39	14	53	29
4	Duplin	71	37	61	72	72	73	15
	Jones	69	42	1	34	93	94	94
	Onslow	92	52	70	77	35	91	32
	Sampson	39	34	10	59	61	52	43
5	New Hanover	21	35	3	76	20	80	53
	Pender	80	51	80	68	85	93	87
6	Bertie	6	27	39	61	75	20	4
	Halifax	76	33	83	88	77	2	51
	Hertford	97	21	26	31	69	1	49
	Northampton	96	62	87	13	36	5	10
7	Edgecombe	48	22	13	7	68	79	58
	Nash	17	18	46	47	79	96	56
	Wilson	46	28	19	81	86	83	91
8	Greene	87	9	8	2	58	19	3
	Lenoir	41	29	28	8	13	27	31
	Wayne	15	30	36	70	30	47	74
9	Franklin	55	60	24	86	74	49	14
	Granville	42	73	77	19	1	46	22
	Person	40	19	31	11	52	31	39
	Vance	49	76	49	62	70	12	33
	Warren	65	99	95	16	59	7	25
10	Wake	36	87	60	94	63	68	71
11	Harnett	38	44	22	41	60	3	38
	Johnston	5	13	47	4	11	23	18
	Lee	7	17	16	90	92	36	19
12	Cumberland	84	53	44	27	33	88	68
	Hoke	63	5	21	12	44	21	44
13	Bladen	28	69	90	23	7	6	36
	Brunswick	32	91	71	79	46	75	73
	Columbus	82	98	69	51	97	64	42
14	Durham	43	66	75	73	6	54	65
15A	Alamance	60	64	34	30	28	10	47
158	Chatham	26	10	5	42	80	66	52
	Orange	61	6	27	92	76	98	61
16	Robeson	45	63	74	22	45	59	41
	Scotland	3	97	100	28	91	67	30

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			Superior Cou	rt			Dist	rict Court
			Cr	iminal	Estates	Special	Civil	Criminal
Judicial District	County	Civil	Felonies	Misdemeanors		Proceedings		Non-Motor Vehicle
17A	Caswell	2	2	7	29	23	30	13
	Rockingham	9	31	54	66	49	17	11
	Stokes	4	77	52	21	29	24	23
	Surry	25	45	25	10	26	39	26
18	Guilford	90	74	62	56	21	61	96
19Å	Cabarrus	58	81	79	43	37	78	62
	Rowan	14	38	40	25	8	13	89
19B	Montgomery	91	82	88	17	25	33	40
	Randolph	72	90	85	9	10	11	63
20	Anson	88	84	30	97	88	86	64
	Moore	77	26	37	46	27	77	28
	Richmond	67	7	35	58	73	97	79
	Stanly	99	49	41	55	94	63	75
	Union	37	3	2	6	4	38	27
21	Forsyth	31	56	56	45	3	25	88
22	Alexander	94	4	11	26	9	16	17
	Davidson	16	83	48	32	17	28	46
	Davie	70	24	55	14	39	100	66
	Iredell	11	50	29	40	31	42	78
23	Alleghany	85	70	9	44	24	48	21
	Ashe	75	86	91	20	65	41	85
	Wilkes	54	71	68	63	38	9	70
	Yadkin	64	54	67	67	34	26	54
24	Avery	78	78	72	65	55	62	90
	Madison	98	100	86	64	64	71	60
	Mitchell	57	88	42	100	54	29	76
	Watauga	59	46	23	87	57	45	99
	Yancey	19	25	78	93	100	56	97
25	Burke	86	95	82	83	22	51	48
	Caldwell	53	61	33	69	16	40	98
	Catawba	34	58	53	85	19	32	37
26	Mecklenburg	73	85	84	48	71	18	81
27A	Gaston	10	39	20	74	66	43	67
278	Cleveland	23	11	50	49	5	22	24
	Lincoln	13	57	15	24	18	15	16
28	Buncombe	22	40	32	80	67	37	34
29	Henderson	95	47	58	50	40	95	84
	McDowell	33	72	6	89	41	14	83
	Polk	68	89	98	53	12	60	69
	Rutherford	93	80	66	35	81	65	92
	Transylvania	47	92	93	96	99	58	72
30	Cherokee Clay Graham Haywood Jackson Macon Swain	24 1 18 81 83 100 35	93 48 79 75 67 94	81 92 89 76 65 97 99	98 75 36 52 82 95 71	95 47 2 42 96 87 83	99 74 72 89 50 82 92	80 93 45 50 20 100 55

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